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Executive Summary

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The semiannual detection monitoring events for 2018 were completed in March and October 2018 and included sampling and analyzing groundwater within the groundwater monitoring system for the indicator parameters listed in Appendix III to the CCR Rule. As part of the statistical evaluation, the data collected during detection monitoring events are evaluated to identify SSIs in detection monitoring parameters to determine if concentrations in detection monitoring well samples exceed background levels. Detection monitoring data that has been collected and evaluated in 2018 are presented in this report.

Potential SSIs over background limits were noted for various Appendix III constituents in one or more downgradient wells during the March and October 2018 monitoring events. These potential SSIs were either not statistically significant (i.e. verification resampling did not confirm the exceedance) or were addressed through an ASD that demonstrated the observed concentrations were a result of natural variability in groundwater quality and not attributable to the RRLF CCR unit. Based on the hydrogeology at the Site, with the presence of the vertically and horizontally extensive clay-rich confining till beneath the RRLF CCR unit, it is not possible for

the uppermost aquifer to have been affected by CCR from operations. Therefore, detection monitoring will be continued at the RRLF CCR unit in accordance with §257.94 of the CCR Rule.

1.1 Program Summary

On April 17, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published the final rule for the regulation and management of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the CCR Rule), as amended July 30, 2018. The CCR Rule, which became effective on October 19, 2015 (amendment effective August 29, 2018), applies to the DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill (RRLF) CCR unit. Pursuant to the CCR Rule, no later than January 31, 2018, and annually thereafter, the owner or operator of a CCR unit must prepare an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report for the CCR unit documenting the status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action for the preceding year in accordance with \$257.90(e). On behalf of DTE Electric, TRC Engineers Michigan, Inc., the engineering entity of TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC), has prepared this Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report for calendar year 2018 activities at the RRLF CCR unit (2018 Annual Report).

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This 2018 Annual Report presents the monitoring results and the statistical evaluation of the detection monitoring parameters (Appendix III to Part 257 of the CCR Rule) for the March and October 2018 semiannual groundwater monitoring events for the RRLF CCR unit. Detection monitoring for these events continued to be performed in accordance with the *CCR Groundwater Monitoring and Quality Assurance Project Plan – DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill* (QAPP) (TRC, July 2016; revised August 2017) and statistically evaluated per the *Groundwater Statistical Evaluation Plan – DTE Electric Company Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill* (Stats Plan) (TRC, October 2017). As part of the statistical evaluation, the data collected during detection

monitoring events are evaluated to identify SSIs of detection monitoring parameters compared to background levels.

1.2 Site Overview

The RRLF is located in Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, 3600 Range Road, China Township in St. Clair County, Michigan. The site occupies approximately 514 acres one-half mile west of the St. Clair River and one mile north of the Belle River Power Plant. Prior to Detroit Edison's operations commencing in the 1950s, the RRLF property was used as farmland. The property has been used continuously as a coal ash landfill since Detroit Edison Company (now DTE Electric) began coal ash landfilling operations at the RRLF in the 1950s and is constructed over a natural confining, low permeability clay-rich soil base that serves as an underlying soil barrier. The RRLF property consists of approximately 514 acres of which approximately 402 acres are designated for landfill development. CCR currently occupies approximately 200 acres of the RRLF and the landfill is estimated to have several decades of capacity remaining.

The RRLF is a licensed Type III solid waste disposal facility in accordance with Michigan's regulations, and is owned and operated by DTE Electric. The disposal facility currently accepts coal ash from DTE Electric's St. Clair and Belle River power plants and has historically accepted coal ash from the former DTE Electric Harbor Beach and Marysville power plants. The RRLF is operated under the current operating license number 9395 in accordance with Michigan Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

1.3 Geology/Hydrogeology

The RRLF CCR unit is located approximately one-half mile west of the St. Clair River. In general, the RRLF is initially underlain by 86 to as much as 188 feet of laterally extensive low hydraulic conductivity silty clay-rich deposits, although on the eastern portion and northwest corner of RRLF some thin partially saturated silty sand near-surface deposits are present. These deposits are not laterally contiguous, are not in communication with the deeper uppermost aquifer, do not yield a useable quantity of groundwater, and thus are not considered an aquifer per the CCR Rule. On a significant portion of the RRLF, there is a bedrock valley that trends from the northeast corner to the south-central area of the site. The valley is incised in the Bedford and/or Antrim Shale bedrock and filled with unconsolidated glacial deposits consisting of clay, silt, sand and/or gravel. Based on historical oil well logs from the RRLF area, the bedrock valley extends to depths of up to 303 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). Along the western portion of the RRLF, clay-rich till is present continuously to the top of the underlying Bedford or Antrim Shale bedrock in the area of SB-16-01 and SB-16-02 (Figure 1), creating a no flow boundary.

Groundwater within the uppermost aquifer sand/gravel is confined and protected from CCR constituents by the overlying clay-rich aquitard. The top of the sand/gravel uppermost aquifer encountered at each of the CCR monitoring wells and soil borings is at significantly different elevations across the RRLF that, where present, is first encountered at depths ranging from 86 to 196 ft bgs, immediately beneath the overlying clay-rich aquitard. The variability in boring/well depths is a consequence of the heterogeneity of the glacial deposits and is driven by the limited continuity of the coarse-grained sand and gravel outwash within the overlying/encapsulating fine-grained, silty clay till that confines the uppermost aquifer. In addition, there is an apparent lack of interconnection and/or significant vertical variation between the various uppermost aquifer sand and/or gravel units encountered across the RRLF CCR unit.

Given the horizontally expansive clay with substantial vertical thickness, the heterogeneity of the glacial deposits (with the top of the uppermost aquifer elevation across the RRLF CCR unit varying up to 100 feet vertically), the no-flow boundary to the west, and the lack of hydraulic interconnectedness of the uppermost aquifers encountered at the site in some areas, it is not appropriate to infer horizontal flow direction or gradients across the site. In addition, the elevation of leachate beneath the CCR within the RRLF and surface water managed in the perimeter ditch network is approximately 10 to 20 feet above the potentiometric surface elevations in the uppermost aquifer. This shows that if the leachate and/or potentially CCR affected groundwater were able to penetrate the clay-rich underlying confining till, that it would travel radially away from the RRLF. However, with the presence of the vertically and horizontally extensive clay-rich confining till beneath the RRLF CCR unit, it is not possible for the uppermost aquifer to have been affected by CCR from operations that began in the 1950s.

Because the uppermost aquifer is not uniformly present across the site, there are no apparent hydraulically upgradient wells, and the uppermost aquifer, where present, is isolated by a laterally contiguous silty-clay unit that significantly impedes vertical groundwater flow thus preventing the uppermost aquifer from potentially being affected by CCR, monitoring of the RRLF CCR unit using interwell statistical methods (upgradient to downgradient) is not likely appropriate. Instead, based on these hydrogeologic conditions, intrawell statistical approaches are a more appropriate method to evaluate groundwater data statistically. Consequently, intrawell statistical tests are being used during detection monitoring as outlined in the Stats Plan.

2.1 Monitoring Well Network

A groundwater monitoring system has been established for the RRLF CCR unit as detailed in the *Groundwater Monitoring System Summary Report – DTE Electric Company Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill* (GWMS Report) (TRC, October 2017). The detection monitoring well network for the RRLF CCR unit currently consists of seven monitoring wells that are screened in the uppermost aquifer. The monitoring well locations are shown on Figure 2.

As discussed in the Stats Plan, intrawell statistical methods for RRLF were selected based on the geology and hydrogeology at the Site (primarily the presence of clay/hydraulic barrier, the variability in the presence of the uppermost aquifer across the site, and presence of no flow boundary on the west side of the aquifer), in addition to other supporting lines of evidence that the aquifer is unaffected by the CCR unit (such as the consistency in concentrations of water quality data). An intrawell statistical approach requires that each of the downgradient wells doubles as a background and compliance well, where data from each individual well during a detection monitoring event is compared to a statistical limit developed using the background dataset from that same well. Monitoring wells MW-16-01 through MW-16-07 are located around the north, east and south perimeter of the RRLF and provide data on both background and downgradient groundwater quality that has not been affected by the CCR unit (total of seven background/downgradient monitoring wells).

2.2 Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring

The semiannual monitoring parameters for the detection groundwater monitoring program were selected per the CCR Rule's Appendix III to Part 257 – Constituents for Detection Monitoring. The Appendix III indicator parameters consist of boron, calcium, chloride, fluoride, pH (field reading), sulfate, and total dissolved solids (TDS) and were analyzed in accordance with the sampling and analysis plan included within the QAPP. In addition to pH, the collected field parameters included dissolved oxygen, oxidation reduction potential, specific conductivity, temperature, and turbidity.

2.2.1 Data Summary

The first semiannual groundwater detection monitoring event for 2018 was performed during March 28 to March 29, 2018 by TRC personnel and samples were analyzed by TestAmerica in accordance with the QAPP. Static water elevation data were collected at all seven monitoring well locations. Groundwater samples were collected from the seven

detection monitoring wells for the Appendix III indicator parameters and field parameters. A summary of the groundwater data collected during the March 2018 event is provided on Table 1 (static groundwater elevation data), Table 2 (field data), and Table 3 (analytical results).

The second semiannual groundwater detection monitoring event for 2018 was performed during October 3 to October 5, 2018 by TRC personnel and samples were analyzed by TestAmerica in accordance with the QAPP. Static water elevation data were collected at all seven monitoring well locations. Groundwater samples were collected from the seven detection monitoring wells for the Appendix III indicator parameters and field parameters. A summary of the groundwater data collected during the October 2018 event is provided on Table 1 (static groundwater elevation data), Table 2 (field data), and Table 4 (analytical results).

2.2.2 Data Quality Review

Data from each round were evaluated for completeness, overall quality and usability, method-specified sample holding times, precision and accuracy, and potential sample contamination. The data were found to be complete and usable for the purposes of the CCR monitoring program. Data quality reviews are summarized in Appendix B.

2.2.3 Groundwater Flow Rate and Direction

As presented in the GWMS Report, and mentioned above, given the horizontally expansive clay with substantial vertical thickness, the heterogeneity of the glacial deposits (with the top of the uppermost aquifer elevation across the RRLF CCR unit varying up to 100 feet vertically), the no-flow boundary to the west, and the lack of hydraulic interconnectedness of the uppermost aquifers encountered at the site in some areas, it is not appropriate to infer horizontal flow direction or gradients across the site. Groundwater elevations measured across the Site during the March 2018 sampling event are provided on Table 1 and are summarized in plan view on Figure 3. Groundwater elevations measured across the Site during the October 2018 sampling event are provided on Table 1 and are summarized in plan view on Figure 4.

Groundwater elevation data collected during the most recent sampling event show that groundwater conditions within the uppermost aquifer are consistent with previous monitoring events and continue to demonstrate that the downgradient wells are appropriately positioned to detect the presence of Appendix III parameters that could potentially migrate from the RRLF CCR unit.

3.1 Establishing Background Limits

Per the Stats Plan, background limits were established for the Appendix III indicator parameters following the collection of at least eight background monitoring events using data collected from each of the seven established detection monitoring wells (MW-16-01 through MW-16-07). The statistical evaluation of the background data is presented in the 2017 Annual Report. The Appendix III background limits for each monitoring well will be used throughout the detection monitoring period to determine whether groundwater has been impacted from the RRLF CCR unit by comparing concentrations in the detection monitoring wells to their respective background limits for each Appendix III indicator parameter.

3.2 Data Comparison to Background Limits – First Semiannual Event (March 2018)

For each semiannual monitoring event, the concentrations of the indicator parameters in each of the detection monitoring wells (MW-16-01 through MW-16-07) were compared to their respective statistical background limits calculated from the background data collected from each individual well (i.e., monitoring data from MW-16-01 is compared to the background limit developed using the background dataset from MW-16-01, and so forth).

The comparisons for the March 2018 monitoring event are presented on Table 3. The statistical evaluation of the March 2018 Appendix III indicator parameters showed potential initial SSIs over background for:

- Boron at MW-16-01, MW-16-02, and MW-16-04;
- Calcium at MW-16-06;
- Sulfate at MW-16-06; and
- Total dissolved solids at MW-16-04.

The chloride concentrations at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07 are continued exceedances of the prediction limits that have been demonstrated to be from natural variability and are not from the CCR unit as presented in the April 2018 ASD (Appendix A). There were no SSIs compared to background for fluoride and pH.

3.3 Verification Resampling for the First Semiannual Event

Verification resampling is recommended per the Stats Plan and the *USEPA's Statistical Analysis* of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance (Unified Guidance, USEPA,

2009) to achieve performance standards as specified by §257.93(g) in the CCR Rule. Per the Stats Plan, if there is an exceedance of a prediction limit for one or more of the parameters, the well(s) of concern will be resampled within 30 days of the completion of the initial statistical analysis. Only constituents that initially exceed their statistical limit (i.e., have no previously recorded SSIs) will be analyzed for verification purposes.

Verification resampling for the March 2018 event was conducted on May 16 and May 17, 2018 by TRC personnel. Groundwater samples were collected for boron at MW-16-01, MW-16-02, and MW-16-04, calcium at MW-16-06, sulfate at MW-16-06, and TDS at MW-16-04, in accordance with the QAPP. A summary of the analytical results collected during the May 2018 resampling event is provided on Table 3. The associated data quality review is included in Appendix B.

The verification results for calcium (MW-16-06) and boron (MW-16-02 and MW-16-04) are below the prediction limits, consequently the initial potential SSIs from the March 2018 event are not confirmed at those locations. Therefore, in accordance with the Stats Plan and the Unified Guidance, these initial exceedances are not statistically significant, and no SSIs will be recorded for these parameters for the March 2018 monitoring event. However, the March 2018 verification resampling confirmed SSIs for boron at monitoring well MW-16-01 and sulfate at MW-16-06. TRC reviewed the data and determined that boron and sulfate are a result of natural variability in groundwater quality and not attributable to the RRLF CCR unit as presented in the *Alternate Source Demonstration: First 2018 Semiannual Detection Monitoring Sampling Event for the Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill, China Township, Michigan,* dated August 1, 2018 (August 2018 ASD) (Appendix C). As such, detection monitoring was continued in accordance with §257.94 of the CCR Rule.

3.4 Data Comparison to Background Limits – Second Semiannual Event (October 2018)

The data comparisons for the October 2018 groundwater monitoring event are presented on Table 4. The statistical evaluation of the October 2018 Appendix III indicator parameters shows potential initial SSIs over background for:

- Calcium at MW-16-04; and
- Chloride at MW-16-05.

The chloride concentrations at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07 are continued exceedances of the prediction limits that have been demonstrated to be from natural variability and are not from the CCR unit as presented in the April 2018 ASD (Appendix A). The boron concentration at MW-16-01 and the sulfate concentration at MW-16-06 are continued exceedances of the prediction limits that have been demonstrated to be from natural variability and are not from

the CCR unit as presented in the August 2018 ASD (Appendix C). There were no SSIs compared to background for fluoride, pH, and total dissolved solids.

3.5 Verification Resampling for the Second Semiannual Event

Verification resampling for the October 2018 event was conducted on November 16 and November 17, 2018 by TRC personnel. Groundwater samples were collected for calcium at MW-16-04 and chloride at MW-16-05. A summary of the analytical results collected during the November 2018 resampling event is provided on Table 4. The associated data quality review is included in Appendix B.

The calcium and chloride verification results are below the prediction limits, consequently the initial potential SSIs from the October 2018 event are not confirmed. Therefore, in accordance with the Stats Plan and the Unified Guidance, the initial exceedances are not statistically significant, and no SSIs will be recorded for the October 2018 monitoring event.

Section 4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Potential SSIs over background limits were noted for various Appendix III constituents in one or more downgradient wells during the March and October 2018 monitoring events. These potential SSIs were either not statistically significant (i.e. verification resampling did not confirm the exceedance) or were addressed through an ASD (Appendix A and C) that demonstrated the observed concentrations were a result of natural variability in groundwater quality and not attributable to the RRLF CCR unit. As discussed above, and in the GWMS Report, with the presence of the vertically and horizontally extensive clay-rich confining till beneath the RRLF CCR unit, it is not possible for the uppermost aquifer to have been affected by CCR from operations. In addition, due to limitations on CCR Rule implementation timelines, the background data sets are of relatively short duration for capturing the occurrence of natural temporal changes in the aquifer. Therefore, detection monitoring will be continued at the RRLF CCR unit in accordance with §257.94.

No corrective actions were performed in 2018. The next semiannual monitoring event at the RRLF CCR unit is scheduled for the second calendar quarter of 2019.

Section 5 Groundwater Monitoring Report Certification

The U.S. EPA's Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities Final Rule Title 40 CFR Part 257 §257.90(e) requires that the owner or operator of an existing CCR unit prepare an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report.

Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report Certification Range Road Landfill China Township, Michigan

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the annual groundwater and corrective action report presented within this document for the RRLF CCR unit has been prepared to meet the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.90(e) of the Federal CCR Rule. This document is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices, including the consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.90(e).

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Tables

Table 1
Summary of Groundwater Elevation Data – March and October 2018
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program
China Township, Michigan

Well ID	MW-	16-01	MW-	16-02	MW-	16-03	MW-	16-04	MW-	16-05	MW-	16-06	MW-	16-07	
Date Installed	Date Installed 1/13/2016		1/27	/2016	2/1/	2/1/2016		5/24/2016		5/13/2016		5/10/2016		5/13/2016	
TOC Elevation	TOC Elevation 595.35		598.44		597.69		596.87		601.97		600.68		589.34		
Geologic Unit of Screened interval	Sand v	vith Silt	Silty Sand	with Gravel	Silty Grave	el with Sand	Silty	Sand	Gravel w	vith Sand	Sa	and	Sa	and	
Screened Interval Elevation	390 / 1	o 385.7	393.8 t	o 388.8	432.1 t	o 427.1	414.1 t	o 409.1	476.6 t	o 471.6	508.0 t	o 503.0	494.4 t	o 489.4	
Unit	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	ft BTOC	ft	
Measurement Date	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	Depth to Water	GW Elevation	
3/28/2018	18.60	576.75	20.79	577.65	19.99	577.70	19.33	577.54	27.47	574.50	23.61	577.07	16.40	572.94	
10/03/2018	18.45	576.90	20.76	577.68	20.01	577.68	19.38	577.49	27.51	574.46	23.60	577.08	16.16	573.18	

Notes:

Elevations are reported in feet relative to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988.

ft BTOC - feet below top of casing.

Table 2
Summary of Field Data – March and October 2018
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program
China Township, Michigan

Sample Location	Sample Date	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Oxidation Reduction Potential (mV)	pH (SU)	Specific Conductivity (umhos/cm)	Temperature (deg C)	Turbidity (NTU)
MW-16-01	3/29/2018	0.13	-146.3	7.5	2,454	10.02	1.37
10100-10-01	10/3/2018	0.14	-132.9	7.7	2,342	12.12	1.76
MW-16-02	3/28/2018	0.15	-243.7	8.2	2,241	9.94	2.19
10100-10-02	10/3/2018	0.12	-233.6	8.3	2,247	11.88	2.25
MW-16-03	3/28/2018	0.12	-172.5	8.0	1,951	10.15	1.90
10100-10-03	10/3/2018	0.09	-158.1	8.0	1,949	11.83	2.12
MW-16-04	3/29/2018	0.30	-213.4	8.3	10,057	9.54	11.0
10100-10-04	10/5/2018	0.16	-207.7	8.3	8,605	11.37	65.1
MW-16-05	3/29/2018	0.19	-181.9	8.0	2,125	9.85	1.51
10100-10-05	10/3/2018	0.11	-184.2	8.3	2,029	11.87	1.37
MW-16-06	3/28/2018	0.23	-146.8	7.8	1,916	10.64	3.06
IVIVV- 10-00	10/3/2018	0.17	-134.5	8.0	1,916	11.51	1.62
MW-16-07	3/29/2018	0.29	-154.1	7.8	1,360	9.43	44.0
10100-10-07	10/4/2018	0.09	-182.9	8.2	1,225	11.74	48.0

Notes:

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

mV - milliVolt.

SU - standard unit.

umhos/cm - micro-mhos per centimeter.

deg C - degrees celcius.

NTU - nephelometric turbidity units.

Table 3

Comparison of Appendix III Parameter Results to Background Limits – March 2018 Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program China Township, Michigan

Samp	le Location:		MW-16-01			MW-16-02		MW-	16-03		MW-16-04	
Sa	ample Date:	3/29/2018	5/17/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL	3/28/2018	5/17/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL	3/28/2018	PL	3/29/2018	5/17/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL
Constituent	Unit	Da	ata	FL	Da	ata	ΓL	Data	FL	Da	ata	ΓL
Appendix III												
Boron	ug/L	610	590 ⁽³⁾	560	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100
Calcium	ug/L	83,000		89,000	23,000		24,000	20,000	21,000	62,000		67,000
Chloride	mg/L	720		770	670		720	560 ⁽²⁾	550	3,500		3,600
Fluoride	mg/L	0.88		0.95	2.0		2.1	2.2	2.3	1.6		1.6
pH, Field	SU	7.5		7.1 - 8.4	8.2		8.2 - 9.0	8.0	8.0 - 8.8	8.3		7.5 - 8.5
Sulfate	mg/L	28		43	1.5		10	<1.0	10	<5.0		50
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,200		1,300	1,200		1,200	1,000	1,200	5,400	3,500	5,300

Notes:

ug/L - micrograms per liter.

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

SU - standard units; pH is a field parameter.

-- = not applicable.

All metals were analyzed as total unless otherwise specified.

Bold font indicates an exceedance of the Prediction Limit (PL).

- (1) Results shown for verification sampling performed on 5/17/18.
- (2) Concentration addressed through initial alternative source demonstration.
- (3) New successful alternative source demonstration was completed following confirmation of the initial statistically significant exceedance

Table 3

Comparison of Appendix III Parameter Results to Background Limits – March 2018 Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program China Township, Michigan

Sampl	Sample Location:		16-05	MW-16-06			MW-16-07		
Sa	mple Date:	3/29/2018	PL	3/28/2018	5/17/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL	3/29/2018	PL	
Constituent	Unit	Data	FL	Da	ata	FL	Data	FL	
Appendix III									
Boron	ug/L	1,300	1,400	1,200		1,200	930	950	
Calcium	ug/L	18,000	19,000	32,000	31,000	31,000	46,000	66,000	
Chloride	mg/L	600	620	540		590	350 ⁽²⁾	330	
Fluoride	mg/L	1.9	1.9	1.5		1.6	1.2	1.3	
pH, Field	SU	8.0	8.0 - 8.9	7.8		7.6 - 8.4	7.8	7.2 - 8.3	
Sulfate	mg/L	2.9	10	42	44 ⁽³⁾	31	8.3	120	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,100	1,200	1,000		1,100	700	770	

Notes:

ug/L - micrograms per liter.

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

SU - standard units; pH is a field parameter.

-- = not applicable.

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- (1) Results shown for verification sampling performed on 5/17/18.
- (2) Concentration addressed through initial alternative source demonstration.
- (3) New successful alternative source demonstration was completed following confirmation of the initial statistically significant exceedance

Table 4

Comparison of Appendix III Parameter Results to Background Limits – October 2018 Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program China Township, Michigan

Sample Location:		MW-	16-01	MW-	16-02	MW-1	6-03		MW-16-04	
Sa	mple Date:	10/3/2018	PL	10/3/2018	PL	10/3/2018	PL	10/3/2018	11/16/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL
Constituent	Unit	Data	PL	Data	PL	Data	PL	Da	ata	PL
Appendix III										
Boron	ug/L	590 ⁽²⁾	560	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,100		1,100
Calcium	ug/L	77,000	89,000	20,000	24,000	20,000	21,000	70,000	64,000	67,000
Chloride	mg/L	760	770	710	720	580 ⁽²⁾	550	3,500		3,600
Fluoride	mg/L	0.88	0.95	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.6		1.6
pH, Field	SU	7.7	7.1 - 8.4	8.3	8.2 - 9.0	8.0	8.0 - 8.8	8.3		7.5 - 8.5
Sulfate	mg/L	40	43	1.3	10	1.2	10	< 5.0		50
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,200	4,500		5,300

Notes:

ug/L - micrograms per liter.

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

SU - standard units; pH is a field parameter.

-- = not applicable.

All metals were analyzed as total unless otherwise specified.

Bold font indicates an exceedance of the Prediction Limit (PL).

⁽¹⁾ Results shown for verification sampling performed on 11/16/2018.

⁽²⁾ Concentration addressed through alternative source demonstration.

Table 4

Comparison of Appendix III Parameter Results to Background Limits – October 2018 Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program China Township, Michigan

Sample Location:			MW-16-05		MW-	16-06	MW-16-07		
Sa	mple Date:	10/3/2018	11/16/2018 ⁽¹⁾	PL	10/3/2018	PL	10/3/2018	PL	
Constituent	Unit	Da	ata	FL	Data	FL	Data	FL	
Appendix III									
Boron	ug/L	1,200		1,400	1,100	1,200	940	950	
Calcium	ug/L	16,000		19,000	29,000	31,000	41,000	66,000	
Chloride	mg/L	630	620	620	570	590	380 ⁽²⁾	330	
Fluoride	mg/L	1.9		1.9	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	
pH, Field	SU	8.3		8.0 - 8.9	8.0	7.6 - 8.4	8.2	7.2 - 8.3	
Sulfate	mg/L	1.5		10	33 ⁽²⁾	31	5.2	120	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,100		1,200	1,000	1,100	690	770	

Notes:

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SU - standard units; pH is a field parameter.

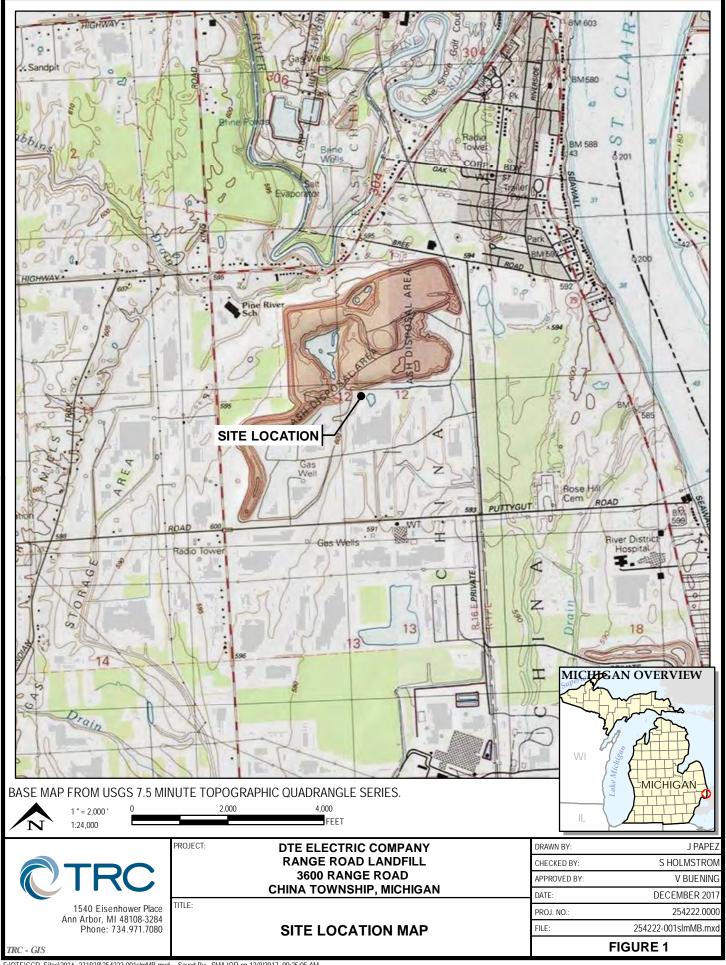
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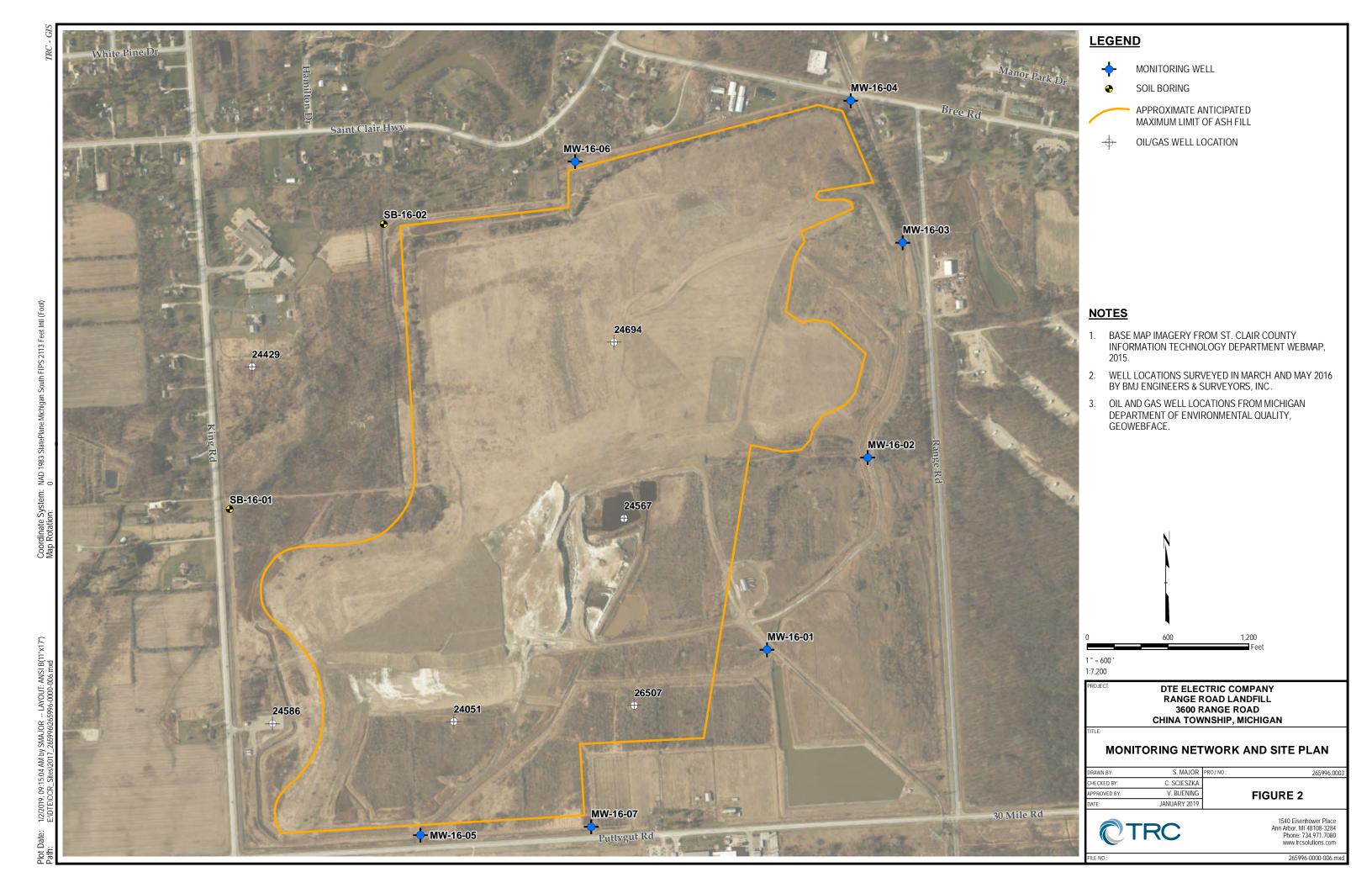
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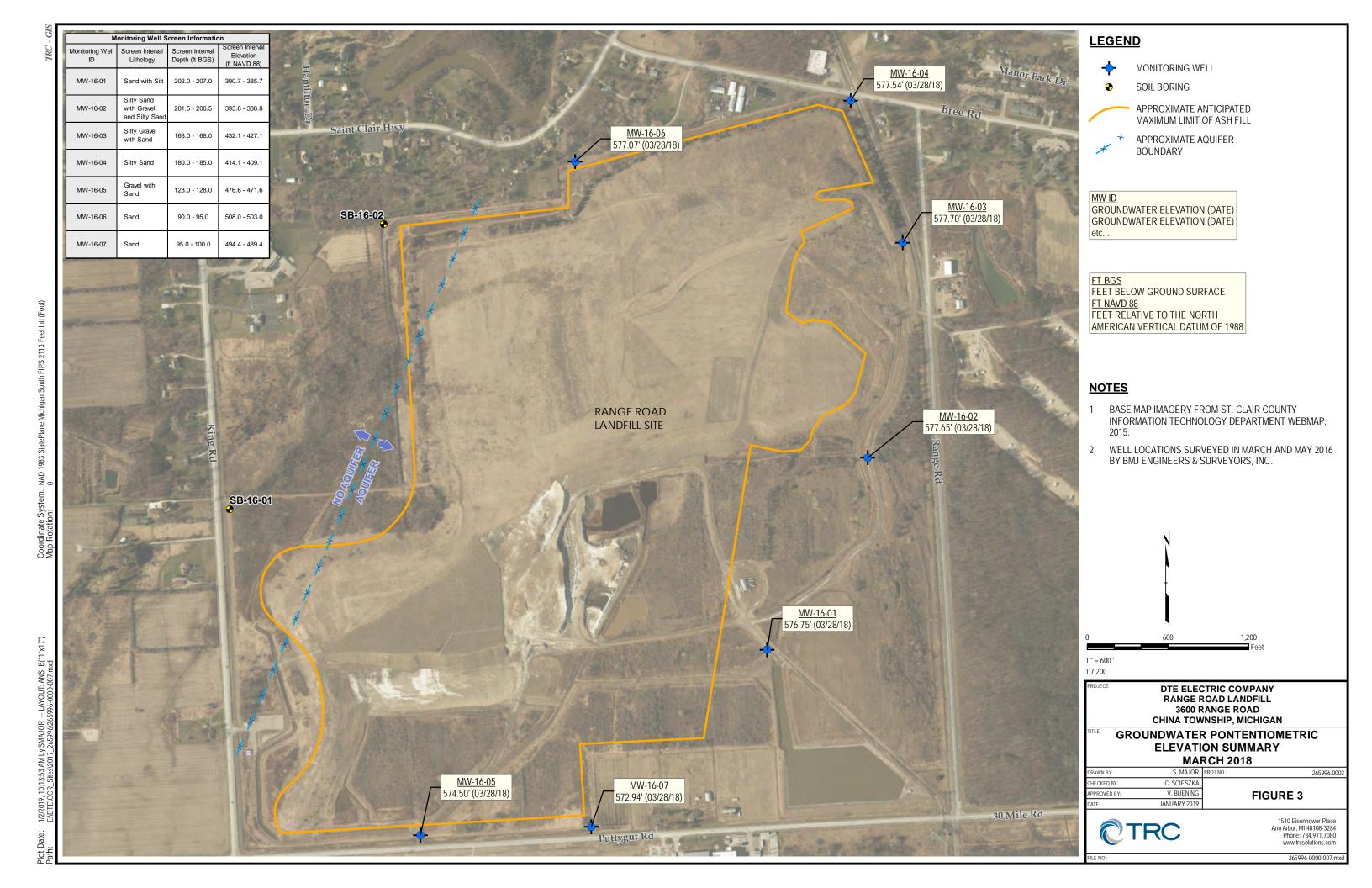
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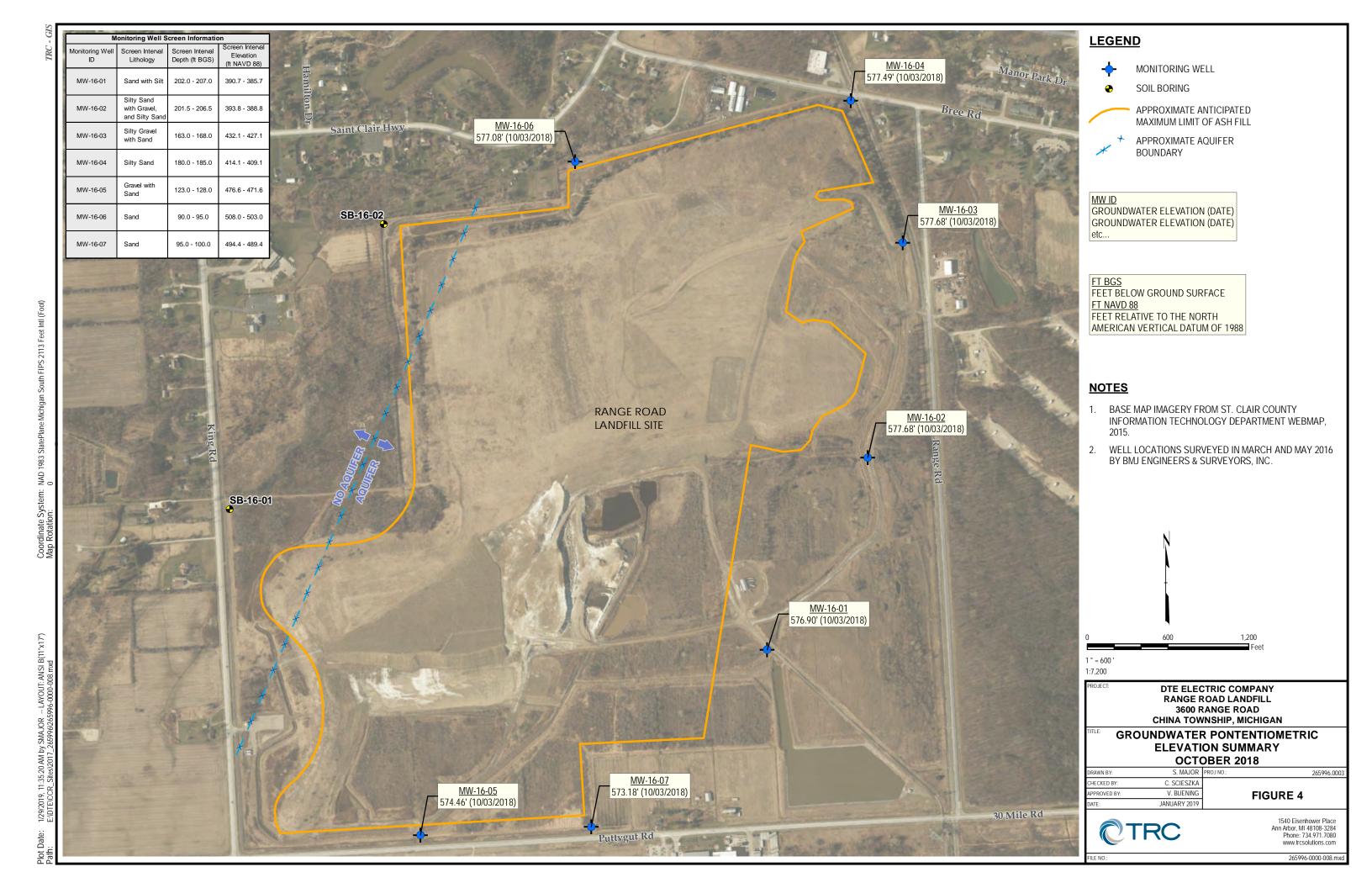
- (1) Results shown for verification sampling performed on 11/16/2018.
- (2) Concentration addressed through alternative source demonstration.

Figures









Appendix A Alternate Source Demonstration: 2017 Initial Detection Monitoring Sampling Event



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Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill, China Township, Michigan

Introduction

On April 17, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published the final rule for the regulation and management of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the CCR Rule). The CCR Rule, which became effective on October 19, 2015, applies to the DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill (RRLF) CCR unit.

TRC Engineers Michigan, Inc. (TRC) prepared the 2017 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report (Annual Report) (TRC, 2018) for the RRLF on behalf of DTE Electric in accordance with the requirements of §257.90(e). The Annual Report included the results of the October 2017 semiannual groundwater monitoring event for the RRLF and the statistical evaluation of the detection monitoring parameters (Appendix III to Part 257 of the CCR Rule) for the RRLF CCR unit. This event was the initial detection monitoring event performed to comply with §257.94. As part of the statistical evaluation, the data collected during detection monitoring events are evaluated to identify statistically significant increases (SSIs) in detection monitoring parameters to determine if concentrations in detection monitoring well samples exceed background levels. The statistical analysis was performed pursuant to §257.93(f) and (g), and in accordance with the Groundwater Statistical Evaluation Plan (Stats Plan) (TRC, 2017).

The statistical evaluation of the October 2017 Appendix III indicator parameters showed potential SSIs over background for:

■ Chloride at MW-16-03, MW-16-06, and MW-16-07

However, as discussed in more detail below, verification sampling conducted in January 2018 only confirmed the SSIs for chloride at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07. All other Appendix III constituents were within the statistical background limits.

In accordance with §257.94(e)(2), DTE Electric may demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSI or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. This Alternate Source Demonstration (ASD) has been prepared to address the potential SSIs identified in the October 2017 detection monitoring event.

Background

The RRLF is located in Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, 3600 Range Road, China Township in St. Clair County, Michigan. The site location is shown in Figure 1. The property has been used continuously as a coal ash landfill since Detroit Edison Company (now DTE Electric) began coal ash landfilling operations in the 1950s. The property consists of approximately 514 acres of which approximately 402 acres are designated for CCR landfill development, half of which is currently occupied with CCR (TRC, January 2018).

The RRLF CCR unit is initially underlain by 86 to 188 feet of laterally extensive, low hydraulic conductivity silty clay-rich deposits. A no flow boundary is formed across the western portion of the RRLF by clay-rich till which is present continuously to the top of bedrock in this area. Beneath the clay rich aquitard, a sand/gravel layer is encountered, which contains the uppermost aquifer present beneath the RRLF. This aquifer is encountered at different elevations beneath the RRLF between 86 and 196 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). As a result of site specific geologic and hydrogeologic conditions, downward migration of CCR leachate is not expected, and it is not appropriate to infer horizontal flow directions across the site. Please refer to the Annual Report for further details regarding site-specific hydrogeology (TRC, January 2018).

Shallow groundwater in the area of the RRLF is typically from glacial deposits and considered very hard, high in sulfate, and typically low in chloride. Higher chloride concentrations are typically found in deeper glacial wells (Beth, 2007). A previous 2007 study sampled local private deep-water drinking wells and found chloride concentrations in the area ranging from 497 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 1,085 mg/L (RMT, November 2008). The 2007 data collected from deep water supply wells in the area of the RRLF are summarized in Table 1.

The detection monitoring well network for the RRLF currently consists of 7 monitoring wells that are screened in the uppermost aquifer, and are all considered to be downgradient monitoring wells. The monitoring well locations are shown in Figure 2. The *Groundwater Monitoring System Summary Report – DTE Electric Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill* (GWMS Report) details the groundwater monitoring system (TRC, October 2017).

Alternate Source Demonstration

Verification resampling was performed as recommended per the Stats Plan and the USEPA's Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance (Unified Guidance, USEPA, 2009) to achieve performance standards as specified by §257.93(g) in the CCR rules. Per the Stats Plan, if there is an exceedance of a prediction limit for one or more of the parameters, the well(s) of concern will be resampled within 30 days of the completion of the initial statistical analysis. Only constituents that initially exceed their statistical limit (i.e., have no previously recorded SSIs) will be analyzed for verification purposes. As such, verification resampling was conducted on January 3, 2018, by TRC personnel for wells MW-16-03, MW-16-06, and MW-16-07. Groundwater samples were collected in accordance with the Quality Assurance Project Plan (TRC, August 2016; Revised March 2017). A summary of the groundwater data collected during the verification resampling event is provided on Table 2. The associated data quality review is included in Attachment A.

The verification resampling confirmed the chloride exceedances for chloride at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07. The chloride verification result at MW-16-06 is within the prediction limit; consequently, the initial chloride SSI at MW-16-06 from the October 2017 event was not confirmed. Therefore, in accordance with the Stats Plan and the Unified Guidance, the initial exceedance is not statistically significant and no SSI will be recorded for chloride at MW-16-06 during the October 2017 monitoring event.

The following discussion presents the ASD for the confirmed prediction limit exceedances for chloride at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07.

<u>Chloride at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07</u>: The SSIs of chloride at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07, shown graphically as data points greater than the prediction limit in Figures 3 and 4 respectively, are likely the result of natural spatial variability in groundwater quality at the site and statistical false positive, and not the result of a release from the RRLF CCR unit. Multiple lines of evidence are provided in support of this conclusion and are as follows:

- Similar increasing trends observed in all site wells All site wells reported higher chloride concentration in April 2017 suggesting laboratory variability. As a result of differing prediction limits calculated for each well in the intrawell statistical analysis, this observed increase only resulted in confirmed SSIs in MW-16-03 and MW-16-07.
- Spatial variability in groundwater quality After 8 background sampling events, the prediction limits calculated for each of the 7 monitoring wells range from 330 mg/L to 3,600 mg/L. This variability in groundwater quality across the site provides evidence that the CCR unit is not the source of the confirmed chloride SSIs at MW-16-03 and MW-16-07, but rather the result of regional variability. Similar fluctuations in chloride concentration (Table 1) on a more regional scale were found in the previously mentioned 2007 private drinking water sampling study (RMT, November 2008).
- **Insufficient background sampling timeline to account for long-term trends** Variability in chloride concentrations observed in the groundwater at RRLF during the background sampling

events provides evidence of the heterogeneity of this constituent in groundwater. The short duration of the background sampling events limits the ability of the statistical analysis to capture the natural temporal trends in the groundwater quality at the RRLF. This is a limitation of the CCR Rule implementation timeline.

- Lack of similar or proportional increase in other indicator parameters Boron and chloride have similar mobility in groundwater. In the event of a CCR leachate release, SSIs for chloride and boron would typically occur at the same time. The lack of boron SSIs suggests a source other than CCR leachate for the observed chloride SSIs.
- Time of travel analysis The clay formation immediately beneath the RRLF CCR unit provides a natural geologic barrier to migration of CCR constituents to the underlying aquifer. The vertical extent of the clay layer beneath the CCR unit is shown in Figure 5 as a cross section. Conservatively calculating a time of travel for liquid from the base of the RRLF through a minimum of 86 feet of clay, to the underlying upper aquifer, yields over 1,300 years of travel time (TRC, October 2017). The RRLF began accepting coal ash in approximately 1950, so, based on this analysis, there is no potential for indicator parameters to have migrated to the upper aquifer.
- Leachate analysis Annual leachate analytical data from monitoring well 95-W-2, screened immediately beneath the CCR, collected from at least 2002 to 2017 provides evidence that naturally occurring chloride concentrations are significantly greater than what is found in the leachate. Chloride concentrations in the leachate consistently range from 6 mg/L to 70 mg/L (Table 3). The prediction limits for MW-16-03 and MW-16-07 are 550 mg/L and 330 mg/L, respectively. The concentration of chloride in the leachate is considerably lower than both prediction limits, providing evidence that a release from the CCR unit is not the source of the chloride SSIs within the uppermost aquifer.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The information provided in this report serves as the ASD for the DTE Electric RRLF, was prepared in accordance with 40 CFR 257.94(e)(2) of the CCR Rule, and demonstrates that the chloride SSIs determined based on the first semiannual detection monitoring event performed in 2017 are not due to a release of CCR leachate into the groundwater. Therefore, based on the information provided in this ASD, DTE Electric will continue detection monitoring as per 40 CFR 257.94 at the RRLF CCR unit.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the alternative source demonstration presented within this document for the RRLF CCR unit has been prepared to meet the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.94(e) 2 of the Federal CCR Rule. This document is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices, including the consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.94(e) 2.

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Attachments

- Table 1. 2007 Private Deep Drinking Water Well Data
- Table 2. Comparison of Verification Sampling Results to Background Limits
- Table 3. Summary of Leachate Analytical Results Chloride
- Figure 1. Site Location Map
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- Figure 3. MW-16-03 Chloride Time Series Plot
- Figure 4. MW-16-07 Chloride Time Series Plot
- Figure 5. Generalized Geologic Cross-Section C-C'

Attachment A. Data Quality Review

Tables

Table 1
2007 Private Deep Drinking Water Well Data
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program
China Township, Michigan

Sample				Sample		Well Depth		Collection	Boron	Chloride	Iron	Lithium	Manganese	Sodium	Sulfate
Number	System Name	Collection Address	City/Township	Point	Water System	ft	Source Type	Date	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
LB74888	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007				0.036			
LB74437	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		962	0.2			538	ND
LB74442	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007	0.895						
LB78915	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007		1085	0.2			544	ND
LB78972	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007				0.035			
LB78969	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007	0.944					-	
LB74890	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007				0.024			
LB74436	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		844	0.6			443	ND
LB74443	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007	0.602						
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LB78973	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007				0.018			
LB78970	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007	0.654					-	
07E016-0002	RESIDENT	5300 Remer Road	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	NA	Single Family Dwelling	01/04/2007	0.75	800	0.277	0.025	0.014	487	ND
LB74889	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007				0.019			
LB74438	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		497	0.3			331	ND
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Table 2

Comparison of Verification Sampling Results to Background Limits Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program China Township, Michigan

Sa	MW-	16-03	MW-	16-06	MW-16-07		
	1/3/2	2018	1/3/2	2018	1/3/2018		
Constituent	Unit	Data	PL	Data	PL	Data	PL
Appendix III							
Chloride	mg/L	580	550	530	590	350	330

Notes:

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

RESULT

Shading and bold font indicates a confirmed exceedance of the Prediction Limits (PL).

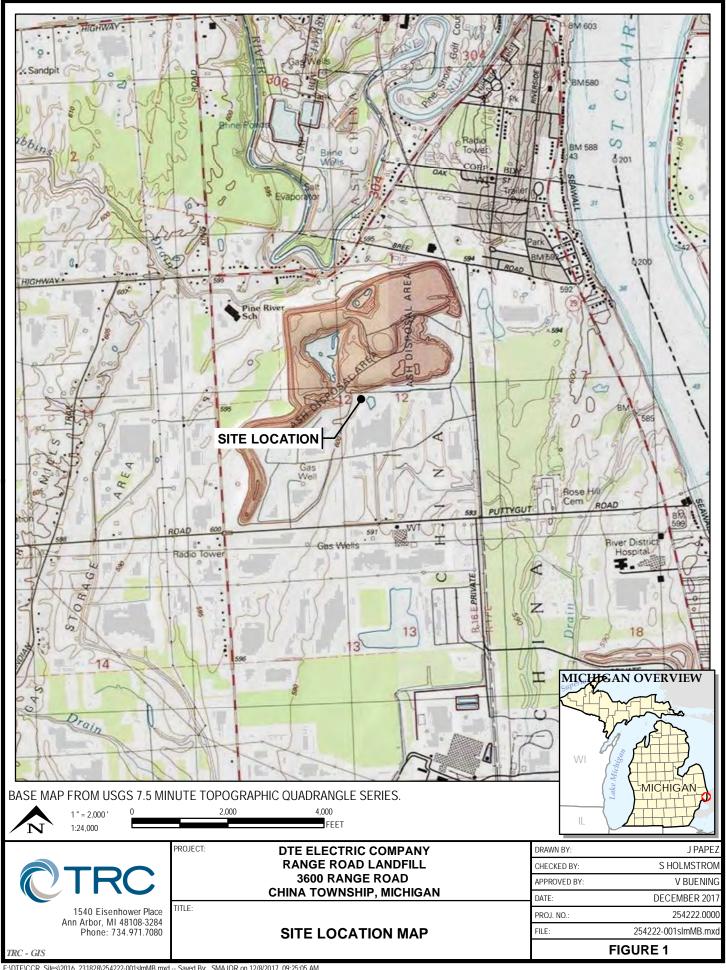
Table 3
Summary of Leachate Analytical Results – Chloride
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program
China Township, Michigan

Sampling Location	Date	Chloride mg/L ⁽¹⁾
	1/15/2002	13
	5/29/2002	15
	9/23/2002	8.6
	9/23/2002	9.9
	1/10/2003	8
	6/18/2003	8
	9/9/2003	7
	11/19/2003	7
	3/8/2004	7
	6/11/2004	7
	7/30/2004	6
	11/1/2004	70
	3/4/2005	7
	5/12/2005	9
	8/11/2005	7
	11/3/2005	7
	3/9/2006	11
	5/18/2006	10
Leachate	8/2/2006	7
(95-W-2)	10/27/2006	6
	3/2/2007	6
	5/18/2007	6
	8/16/2007	7
	11/29/2007	10
	3/7/2008	9
	3/7/2008	9
	6/6/2008	6
	8/8/2008	6
	10/10/2008	6
	8/17/2010	6
	11/17/2011	8
	11/6/2012	7
	10/22/2013	8
	11/4/2014	8
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Notes:

(1) mg/L = milligrams/Liter

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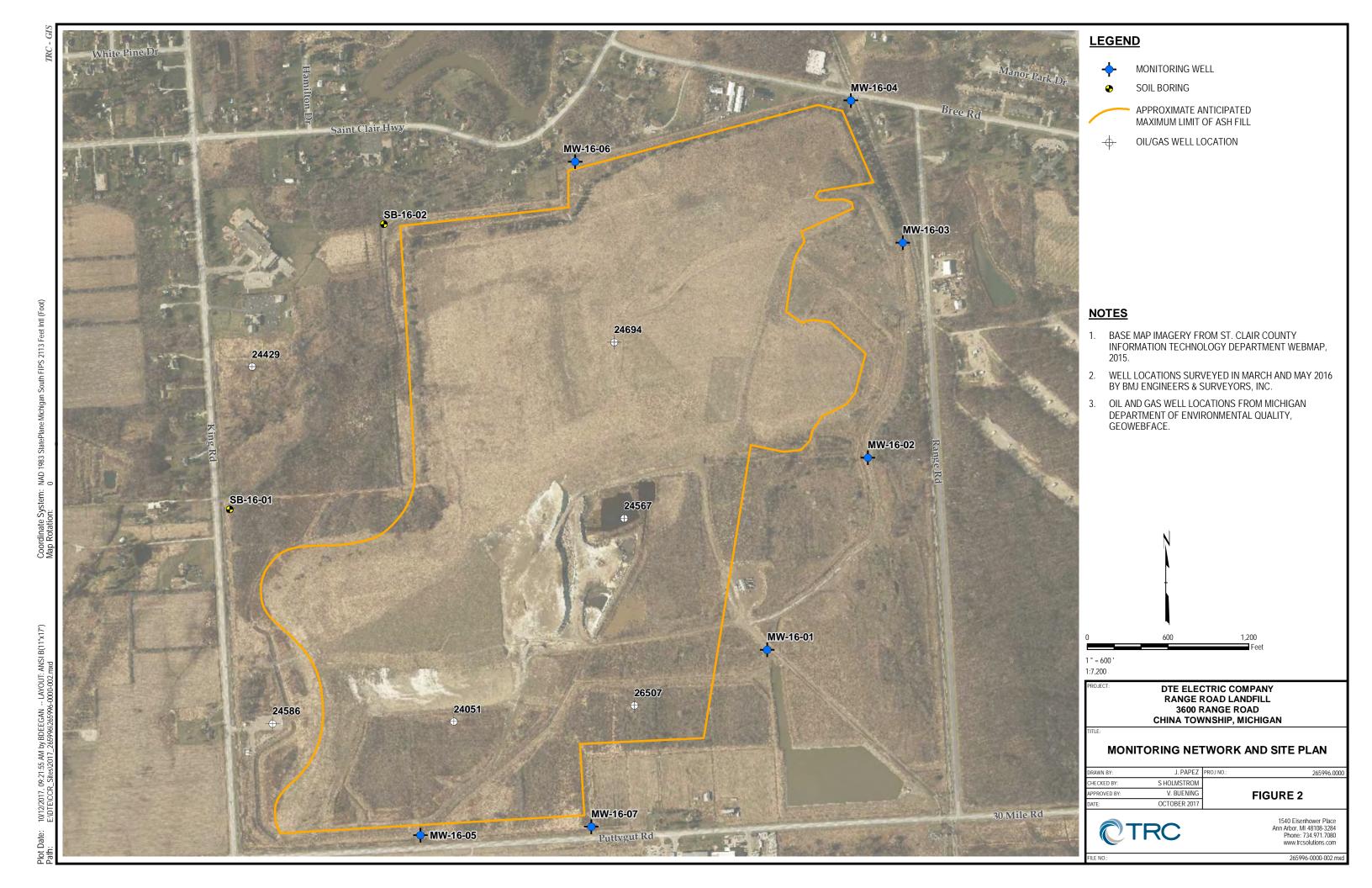


FIGURE 3 MW-16-03 Chloride Time Series Plot

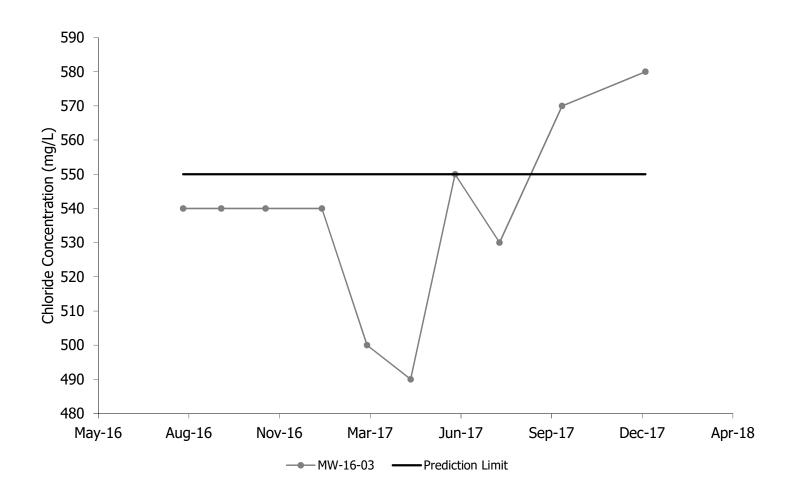
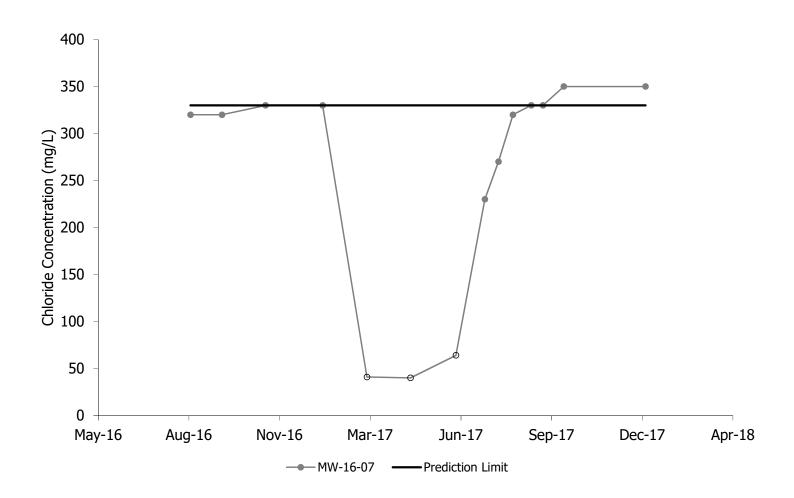
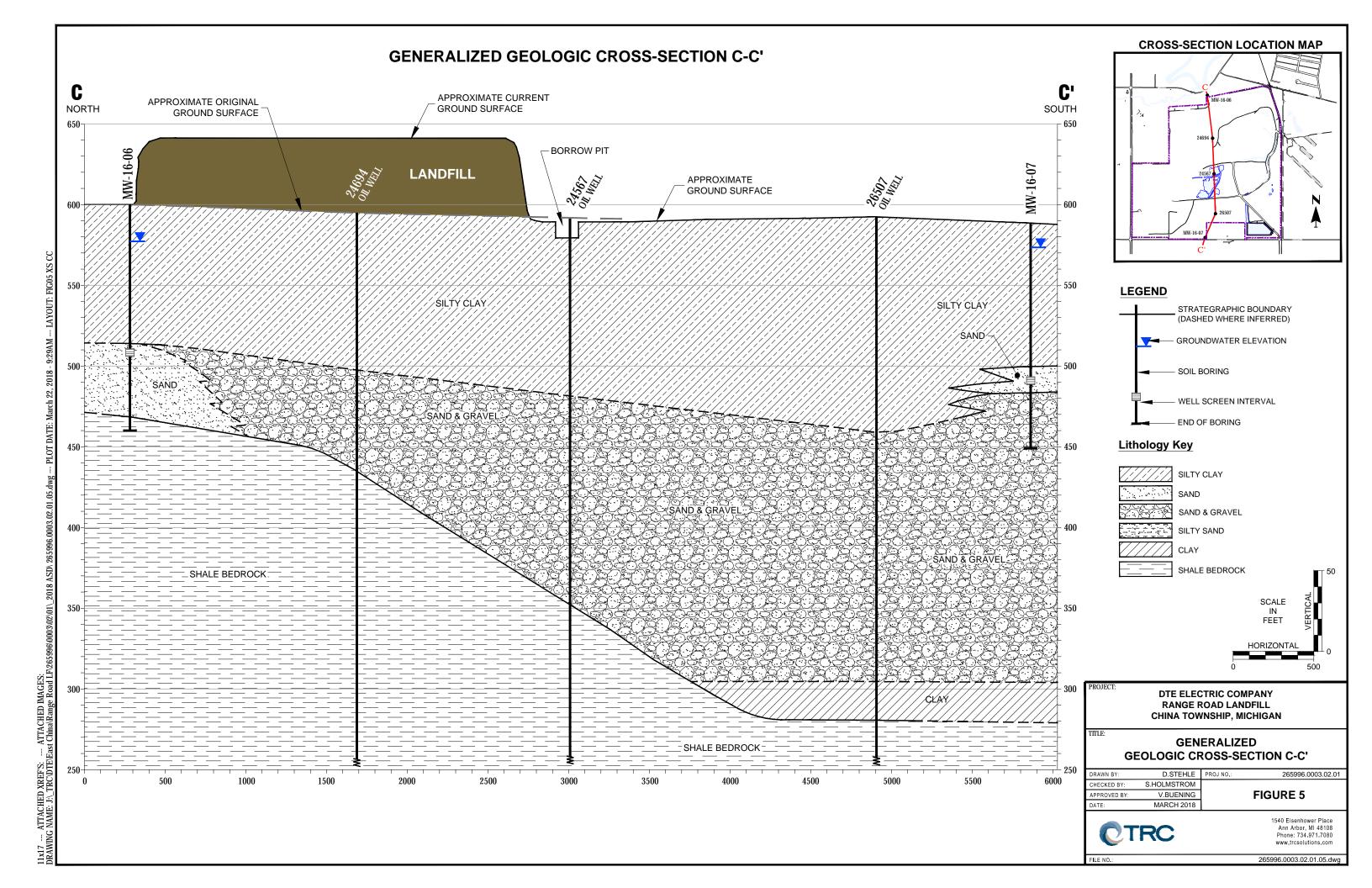


FIGURE 4 MW-16-07 Chloride Time Series Plot





Attachment A Data Quality Review

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event January 2018 (Verification Resampling) DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected from monitoring wells MW-16-03, MW-16-06, and MW-16-07 by TRC for verification resampling during January 2018. Samples were analyzed for anions using method 9056A by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report J90075-1.

TRC reviewed the laboratory data to assess data usability. The following sections summarize the data review procedure and the results of the review.

Data Quality Review Procedure

The analytical data were reviewed using the USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Data Review (USEPA, 2017). The following items were included in the evaluation of the data:

- Sample receipt, as noted in the cover page or case narrative;
- Technical holding times for analyses;
- Data for method blanks. Method blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from laboratory sample preparation and/or analytical procedures;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;
- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes;
- Data for laboratory control samples (LCSs). The LCSs are used to assess the accuracy of the analytical method using a clean matrix; and
- Overall usability of the data.

This data usability report addresses the following items:

- Usability of the data if quality control (QC) results suggest potential problems with all or some of the data;
- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- No target analytes were detected in the method blank.
- LCS recoveries were within laboratory control limits.
- Dup-01 corresponds with MW-16-03; relative percent differences (RPDs) between the parent and duplicate sample were within the QC limits.
- Data are usable for the purposes of verification resampling.

Appendix B Data Quality Review

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event April 2018 (Detection Monitoring) DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected by TRC for the April 2018 sampling event. Samples were analyzed for anions, total metals, and total dissolved solids by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report J93502-1.

During the April 2018 sampling event, a groundwater sample was collected from each of the following wells:

• MW-16-01

• MW-16-04

• MW-16-06

• MW-16-02

• MW-16-05

• MW-16-07

• MW-16-03

Each sample was analyzed for the following constituents:

Analyte Group	Method
Anions (Chloride, Fluoride, Sulfate)	EPA 300.0
Total Metals	EPA 6020A, EPA 6010C
Total Dissolved Solids	SM 2540C

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- Percent recoveries for matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicates (MSD). Percent recoveries are calculated for each analyte spiked and used to assess bias due to sample matrix effects;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;

- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes;
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- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

- Appendix III constituents will be utilized for the purposes of a detection monitoring program.
- Data are usable for the purposes of the detection monitoring program.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- Target analytes were not detected in the method blank.
- LCS recoveries were within laboratory control limits.
- Dup-01 corresponds with MW-16-05; relative percent differences (RPDs) between the parent and duplicate sample were within the QC limits for all analytes except for sulfate. The sulfate concentrations for Dup-01 and MW-16-05 were <5x the reporting limit. The absolute difference in sulfate concentrations for Dup-01 and MW-16-05 was ≤ the reporting limit. Therefore, data usability is not affected.
- MS/MSD analyses were performed on sample MW-16-01 for 6020 total metals (calcium). The percent recovery in the MSD was below the lower laboratory control limit. The calcium concentration in the parent sample (MW-16-01) was >4x the spike concentration; therefore, the laboratory control limits are not applicable. Data usability is not affected.

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event May 2018 (Verification Sampling) DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected by TRC for the May 2018 sampling event. Samples were analyzed for anions (chloride, sulfate), total metals (boron, calcium), and total dissolved solids by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report J95877-1.

During the May 2018 sampling event, a groundwater sample was collected from each of the following wells:

• MW-16-01

• MW-16-03

• MW-16-06

• MW-16-02

• MW-16-04

• MW-16-07

Each sample was analyzed for the one or more of the following constituents:

Analyte Group	Method
Anions (Chloride, Sulfate)	EPA SW846 9056A
Total Metals (Boron, Calcium)	EPA SW846 6020, EPA SW846 6010B
Total Dissolved Solids	SM 2540C

TRC reviewed the laboratory data to assess data usability. The following sections summarize the data review procedure and the results of the review.

Data Quality Review Procedure

The analytical data were reviewed using the USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Data Review (USEPA, 2017). The following items were included in the evaluation of the data:

- Sample receipt, as noted in the cover page or case narrative;
- Technical holding times for analyses;
- Data for method blanks and equipment blanks. Method blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from laboratory sample preparation and/or analytical procedures.
 Equipment blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from field procedures;
- Percent recoveries for matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicates (MSD). Percent recoveries are calculated for each analyte spiked and used to assess bias due to sample matrix effects;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;

- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes;
- Data for laboratory control samples (LCSs). The LCSs are used to assess the accuracy of the analytical method using a clean matrix; and
- Overall usability of the data.

This data usability report addresses the following items:

- Usability of the data if quality control (QC) results suggest potential problems with all or some of the data;
- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

- Appendix III constituents will be utilized for the purposes of a detection monitoring program.
- Data are usable for the purposes of the detection monitoring program.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- Target analytes were not detected in the associated method blanks.
- Total dissolved solids was detected in the equipment blank EB-01 (15 mg/L). Sample results for total dissolved solids were >10x the equipment blank concentration; therefore, data usability was not affected.
- LCS recoveries were within laboratory control limits.
- MS/MSD analyses were performed on sample MW-16-07 for anions (chloride and sulfate) and sample MW-16-01 for boron. The sulfate percent recoveries in the MS/MSD associated with batch 329246 were above the upper laboratory control limit. The sulfate results for samples analyzed in the same batch may be biased high: Dup-03, MW-16-03, MW-16-07, MW-16-06, and Dup-02.
- The field duplicate pairs were Dup-01 with MW-16-04, Dup-02 with MW-16-06, and Dup-03 with MW-16-07. The relative percent difference (RPD) for the total dissolved concentration for the field duplicate pair Dup-01/MW-16-04 was >20%; thus, potential uncertainty exists for the total dissolved solids concentration due to field duplicate variability in these two samples (see attached table).

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event October 2018 DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected by TRC for the October 2018 sampling event. Samples were analyzed for anions, total metals, and total dissolved solids by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in North Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report 240-102514-1.

During the October 2018 sampling event, a groundwater sample was collected from each of the following wells:

• MW-16-01

• MW-16-02

• MW-16-03

MW-16-04

• MW-16-05

• MW-16-06

• MW-16-07

Each sample was analyzed for the following constituents:

Analyte Group	Method
Anions (Chloride, Fluoride, Sulfate)	SW846 9056A
Total Boron	SW846 3005A/6010B
Total Calcium	SW846 3005A/6020
Total Dissolved Solids	SM 2540C

TRC reviewed the laboratory data to assess data usability. The following sections summarize the data review procedure and the results of the review.

Data Quality Review Procedure

The analytical data were reviewed using the USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Data Review (USEPA, 2017). The following items were included in the evaluation of the data:

- Sample receipt, as noted in the cover page or case narrative;
- Technical holding times for analyses;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;
- Data for method blanks and equipment blanks. Method blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from laboratory sample preparation and/or analytical procedures.
 Equipment blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from field procedures;
- Data for laboratory control samples (LCSs). The LCSs are used to assess the accuracy of the analytical method using a clean matrix;

- Data for matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate samples (MS.MSDs). The MS/MSDs are used to assess the accuracy and precision of the analytical method using a sample from the dataset;
- Data for laboratory duplicates. The laboratory duplicates are used to assess the precision of the analytical method using a sample from the dataset;
- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes; and
- Overall usability of the data.

This data usability report addresses the following items:

- Usability of the data if quality control (QC) results suggest potential problems with all or some of the data;
- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

- Appendix III constituents will be utilized for the purposes of a detection monitoring program.
- Data are usable for the purposes of the detection monitoring program.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- Target analytes were not detected in the equipment blank (EB-01_20181004).
- Target analytes were not detected in the method blank.
- LCS recoveries for all target analytes were within laboratory control limits.
- MS/MSD were performed on the following samples:
 - Sample MW-16-01 for boron; the percent recoveries (%Rs) and relative percent differences (RPDs) were acceptable.
 - Sample MW-16-02 for calcium; the MS %R was 58%, below the lower acceptance limit of 75%. The calcium results in samples MW-16-01, MW-16-02, MW-16-03, MW-16-04, MW-16-05, MW-16-06, MW-16-07, and DUP-1 may be biased low (see attached table); however, the concentrations of calcium in the aforementioned samples were within the range of historical calcium concentrations, with the exception of MW-16-01 and MW-16-05. The calcium concentration at MW-16-01 (77,000 ug/L) and MW-16-05 (16,000 ug/L) were slightly below the range of historical calcium concentrations.
 - Sample MW-16-07 for fluoride and sulfate; the %Rs and RPDs were acceptable.

- Laboratory duplicates were not performed for the TDS analysis as required by the QAPP.
- Dup-01 corresponds with MW-16-06; RPDs between the parent and duplicate sample were within the QC limits.
- The reporting limit (5.0 mg/L) for the nondetect sulfate result in sample MW-16-04 was above the QAPP-specified RL (1.0 mg/L) due to a 5-fold dilution as a result of a difficult matrix

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event November 2018 (Verification Sampling) DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected by TRC for the November 2018 sampling event. Samples were analyzed for calcium and/or chloride by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in North Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report 240-104691-1. Note that only the samples and analyses listed below were included in this review.

During the November 2018 sampling event, a groundwater sample was collected from each of the following wells:

• MW-16-04

• MW-16-05

Each sample was analyzed for one or more of the following constituents:

Analyte Group	Method
Chloride	SW846 9056A
Total Calcium	SW846 3005A/6020

TRC reviewed the laboratory data to assess data usability. The following sections summarize the data review procedure and the results of the review.

Data Quality Review Procedure

The analytical data were reviewed using the USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Data Review (USEPA, 2017). The following items were included in the evaluation of the data:

- Sample receipt, as noted in the cover page or case narrative;
- Technical holding times for analyses;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;
- Data for method blanks and equipment blanks. Method blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from laboratory sample preparation and/or analytical procedures.
 Equipment blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from field procedures;
- Data for laboratory control samples (LCSs). The LCSs are used to assess the accuracy of the analytical method using a clean matrix;
- Data for matrix spike and matrix spike duplicate samples (MS/MSDs). The MS/MSDs are used to assess the accuracy and precision of the analytical method using a sample from the dataset;

- Data for laboratory duplicates. The laboratory duplicates are used to assess the precision of the analytical method using a sample from the dataset;
- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes; and
- Overall usability of the data.

This data usability report addresses the following items:

- Usability of the data if quality control (QC) results suggest potential problems with all or some of the data;
- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

- The evaluated Appendix III constituents will be utilized for the purposes of a detection monitoring program.
- Data are usable for the purposes of the detection monitoring program.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- Target analytes were not detected in the equipment blank (EB-01_20181115).
- Target analytes were not detected in the method blanks.
- LCS recoveries for all target analytes were within laboratory control limits.
- MS/MSD analyses were performed on Sample DUP-03 for calcium; the percent recoveries (%Rs) and relative percent differences (RPDs) were acceptable.
- Laboratory duplicates were not performed on any samples in this data set.
- DUP-03 corresponds with MW-16-04; RPDs between the parent and duplicate sample were within the QC limits.

Appendix C Alternate Source Demonstration: First 2018 Semiannual Detection Monitoring Sampling Event



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Event for the Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill, China Township, Michigan

Introduction

On April 17, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published the final rule for the regulation and management of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (the CCR Rule). The CCR Rule, which became effective on October 19, 2015, applies to the DTE Electric Company (DTE Electric) Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill (RRLF) CCR unit.

TRC Engineers Michigan, Inc. (TRC) conducted the first semiannual 2018 detection monitoring event at the RRLF on behalf of DTE Electric on March 28 through March 29, 2018, in accordance with the *CCR Groundwater Monitoring and Quality Assurance Project Plan – DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill* (QAPP) (TRC, July 2016; revised August 2017). The semiannual groundwater monitoring event included the statistical evaluation of the detection monitoring parameters (Appendix III to Part 257 of the CCR Rule) for the RRLF CCR unit. This event was the second detection monitoring event performed to comply with §257.94. As part of the statistical evaluation, the data collected during detection monitoring events are evaluated to identify statistically significant increases (SSIs) in detection monitoring parameters to determine if concentrations in detection monitoring well samples exceed background levels. The statistical analysis was performed pursuant to §257.93(f) and (g), and in accordance with the Groundwater Statistical Evaluation Plan (Stats Plan) (TRC, 2017).

The statistical evaluation of the March 2018 Appendix III indicator parameters showed potential SSIs over background for:

- Boron at MW-16-01 (610 μg/L), MW-16-02 (1,200 μg/L), and MW-16-04 (1,200 μg/L);
- Calcium at MW-16-06 (32,000 μg/L);

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- Chloride at MW-16-03 (560 mg/L) and MW-16-07 (350 mg/L);
- Sulfate at MW-16-06 (42 mg/L); and
- Total dissolved solids (TDS) at MW-16-04 (5,400 mg/L).

However, as discussed in more detail below, verification sampling conducted in May 2018 only confirmed the SSIs for boron at MW-16-01 and sulfate at MW-16-06. The chloride concentration at MW-16-07 is a continued exceedance of the prediction limit that has been demonstrated to be from natural variability and is not from the CCR unit as presented in the *Alternate Source Demonstration*: 2017 Initial Detection Monitoring Sampling Event Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill, China Township, Michigan, dated April 12, 2018. All other Appendix III constituents were within the statistical background limits.

In accordance with §257.94(e)(2), DTE Electric may demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSI or that the SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality. This Alternate Source Demonstration (ASD) has been prepared to address the potential SSIs identified in the March 2018 detection monitoring event.

Background

The RRLF is located in Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 16 East, 3600 Range Road, China Township in St. Clair County, Michigan. The site location is shown in Figure 1. The property has been used continuously as a coal ash landfill since Detroit Edison Company (now DTE Electric) began coal ash landfilling operations in the 1950s. The property consists of approximately 514 acres of which approximately 402 acres are designated for CCR landfill development, half of which is currently occupied with CCR (TRC, January 2018).

The RRLF CCR unit is initially underlain by 86 to 188 feet of laterally extensive, low hydraulic conductivity silty clay-rich deposits. A no flow boundary is formed across the western portion of the RRLF by clay-rich till which is present continuously to the top of bedrock in this area. Beneath the clay rich aquitard, a sand/gravel layer is encountered, which contains the uppermost aquifer present beneath the RRLF. This aquifer is encountered at different elevations beneath the RRLF between 86 and 196 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). As a result of site specific geologic and hydrogeologic conditions, downward migration of CCR leachate is not expected, and it is not appropriate to infer horizontal flow directions across the site. Please refer to the Annual Report for further details regarding site-specific hydrogeology (TRC, January 2018).

Shallow groundwater in the area of the RRLF is typically from glacial deposits and considered very hard, high in sulfate, and typically low in chloride. Higher chloride concentrations are typically found in deeper glacial wells (Apple and Reeves, 2007). A previous 2007 study sampled local private deep-water drinking wells and found chloride concentrations in the area ranging from 497 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 1,085 mg/L (RMT, November 2008). The 2007 data collected from deep water supply wells in the area of the RRLF are summarized in Table 1.

The detection monitoring well network for the RRLF currently consists of 7 monitoring wells that are screened in the uppermost aquifer, and are all considered to be downgradient monitoring wells. The monitoring well locations are shown in Figure 2. The *Groundwater Monitoring System Summary Report* – DTE Electric Range Road Coal Combustion Residual Landfill (GWMS Report) details the groundwater monitoring system (TRC, October 2017).

Alternate Source Demonstration

Verification resampling was performed as recommended per the Stats Plan and the USEPA's Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, Unified Guidance (Unified Guidance, USEPA, 2009) to achieve performance standards as specified by §257.93(g) in the CCR rules. Per the Stats Plan, if there is an exceedance of a prediction limit for one or more of the parameters, the well(s) of concern will be resampled within 30 days of the completion of the initial statistical analysis. Only constituents that initially exceed their statistical limit (i.e., have no previously recorded SSIs) will be analyzed for verification purposes. As such, verification resampling was conducted on May 17, 2018, by TRC personnel for wells MW-16-01, MW-16-02, MW-16-03, MW-16-04, and MW-16-06. Groundwater samples were collected in accordance with the Quality Assurance Project Plan (TRC, August 2016; Revised March 2017). A summary of the groundwater data collected during the verification resampling event is provided on Table 2. The associated data quality review is included in Attachment A.

The verification resampling confirmed the boron exceedance at MW-16-01 and the sulfate exceedance at MW-16-06. The verification results of all other Appendix III constituents were within the prediction limits; consequently, the initial SSIs of boron at MW-16-02 and MW-16-04, calcium at MW-16-06, chloride at MW-16-03, and TDS at MW-16-04 from the March 2018 event were not confirmed. Therefore, in accordance with the Stats Plan and the Unified Guidance, the initial exceedance is not statistically significant and no SSIs will be recorded for boron at MW-16-02 and MW-16-04, calcium at MW-16-06, chloride at MW-16-03, and TDS at MW-16-04 during the March 2018 monitoring event.

The following discussion presents the ASD for the confirmed prediction limit exceedances for boron at MW-16-01 and sulfate at MW-16-06.

Boron at MW-16-01: The SSI of boron at MW-16-01, shown graphically as data points greater than the prediction limit in Chart 1, is likely the result of natural spatial variability in groundwater quality at the site and a statistical false positive, and not the result of a release from the RRLF CCR unit. Multiple lines of evidence are provided in support of this conclusion and are as follows:

■ Spatial variability in groundwater quality – After 8 background sampling events, the prediction limit calculated for each of the 7 monitoring wells range from 560 micrograms per liter (μg/L) to 1,200 μg/L. This variability in groundwater quality across the site provides evidence that the CCR unit is not the source of the confirmed boron SSI at MW-16-01, but rather the result of regional variability. Similar fluctuations in boron concentration (Table 1) on a more regional scale were found in the previously mentioned 2007 private drinking water sampling study (RMT, November 2008).

- Insufficient background sampling timeline to account for long-term trends Variability in boron concentrations observed in the groundwater at RRLF during the background sampling events provides evidence of the heterogeneity of this constituent in groundwater. The short duration of the background sampling events limits the ability of the statistical analysis to capture the natural temporal trends in the groundwater quality at the RRLF. This is a limitation of the CCR Rule implementation timeline.
- Lack of similar or proportional increase in other indicator parameters Boron and chloride have similar mobility in groundwater. In the event of a CCR leachate release, SSIs for chloride and boron would typically occur at the same time. The lack of chloride SSIs at the majority of monitoring wells and not present within the same monitoring well suggests a source other than CCR leachate for the observed boron SSI at this location.
- Time of travel analysis The clay formation immediately beneath the RRLF CCR unit provides a natural geologic barrier to migration of CCR constituents to the underlying aquifer. The vertical extent of the clay layer beneath the CCR unit is shown in Figures 4 through 6 as cross-sections. Figure 3 shows the cross-section locations in plan view. Conservatively calculating a time of travel for liquid from the base of the RRLF through a minimum of 86 feet of clay, to the underlying upper aquifer, yields over 1,300 years of travel time (TRC, October 2017). The RRLF began accepting coal ash in approximately 1950, so, based on this analysis, there is no potential for indicator parameters to have migrated to the upper aquifer.

<u>Sulfate at MW-16-06</u>: The SSI of sulfate at MW-16-06, shown graphically as data points greater than the prediction limit in Chart 2, are likely the result of natural spatial variability in groundwater quality at the site and a statistical false positive, and not the result of a release from the RRLF CCR unit. Multiple lines of evidence are provided in support of this conclusion and are as follows:

- Spatial variability in groundwater quality After 8 background sampling events, the prediction limits calculated for each of the 7 monitoring wells range from 10 mg/L to 120 mg/L. This variability in groundwater quality across the site, which covers an approximately half square mile area, shows that the sulfate concentrations vary spatially throughout the uppermost aquifer and suggests the confirmed sulfate SSI at MW-16-06 could be attributed to spatial variability rather than the CCR unit.
- Insufficient background sampling timeline to account for long-term trends Variability in sulfate concentrations observed in the groundwater at RRLF during the background sampling events provides evidence of the heterogeneity of this constituent in groundwater. The short duration of the background sampling events limits the ability of the statistical analysis to capture the natural temporal trends in the groundwater quality at the RRLF. This is a limitation of the CCR Rule implementation timeline.
- Lack of similar increase in other indicator parameters The lack of SSIs for any other parameters within the same monitoring well, and across the other wells within the monitoring well network, also suggests a source other than CCR leachate for the observed sulfate SSI at this location.

■ Time of travel analysis – The clay formation immediately beneath the RRLF CCR unit provides a natural geologic barrier to migration of CCR constituents to the underlying aquifer. The vertical extent of the clay layer beneath the CCR unit is shown in Figures 4 through 6 as cross-sections. Figure 3 shows the cross-section locations in plan view. Conservatively calculating a time of travel for liquid from the base of the RRLF through a minimum of 86 feet of clay, to the underlying upper aquifer, yields over 1,300 years of travel time (TRC, October 2017). The RRLF began accepting coal ash in approximately 1950, so, based on this analysis, there is no potential for indicator parameters to have migrated to the upper aquifer.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The information provided in this report serves as the ASD for the DTE Electric RRLF, was prepared in accordance with 40 CFR 257.94(e)(2) of the CCR Rule, and demonstrates that the boron and sulfate SSIs determined based on the first semiannual detection monitoring event performed in 2018 are not due to a release of CCR leachate into the groundwater. Therefore, based on the information provided in this ASD, DTE Electric will continue detection monitoring as per 40 CFR 257.94 at the RRLF CCR unit.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the alternative source demonstration presented within this document for the RRLF CCR unit has been prepared to meet the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.94(e) 2 of the Federal CCR Rule. This document is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices, including the consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of Title 40 CFR §257.94(e) 2.

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Attachments

- Table 1. 2007 Private Deep Drinking Water Well Data
- Table 2. Comparison of Verification Sampling Results to Background Limits
- Chart 1. MW-16-01 Boron Time Series Plot
- Chart 2. MW-16-06 Sulfate Time Series Plot

- Figure 1. Site Location Map
- Figure 2. Monitoring Network and Site Plan
- Figure 3. Cross-Section Locator Map
- Figure 4. Generalized Geologic Cross-Section A-A'
- Figure 5. Generalized Geologic Cross-Section B-B'
- Figure 6. Generalized Geologic Cross-Section C-C'

Attachment A. Data Quality Review

Tables

Table 1
2007 Private Deep Drinking Water Well Data
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program
China Township, Michigan

Sample				Sample		Well Depth		Collection	Boron	Chloride	Iron	Lithium	Manganese	Sodium	Sulfate
Number	System Name	Collection Address	City/Township	Point	Water System	ft	Source Type	Date	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
LB74888	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007				0.036			
LB74437	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		962	0.2			538	ND
LB74442	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007	0.895						
LB78915	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007		1085	0.2			544	ND
LB78972	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007				0.035			
LB78969	RESIDENT	3725 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	130	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007	0.944						
LB74890	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007				0.024			
LB74436	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		844	0.6			443	ND
LB74443	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007	0.602						
LB78914	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007		935	0.6			420	ND
LB78973	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007				0.018			
LB78970	RESIDENT	4017 Indian Trail	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	123	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007	0.654						
07E016-0002	RESIDENT	5300 Remer Road	China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	NA	Single Family Dwelling	01/04/2007	0.75	800	0.277	0.025	0.014	487	ND
LB74889	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		-		0.019			
LB74438	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007		497	0.3			331	ND
LB74441	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	08/28/2007	0.767						
LB78916	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007		1085	0.3			328	ND
LB78971	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007				0.011			
LB78968	RESIDENT	2062 Fred Moore Hwy	East China	Outside Tap	Untreated Private Well	115	Single Family Dwelling	09/18/2007	0.787						

Table 2

Comparison of Verification Sampling Results to Background Limits – May 2018

Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program

China Township, Michigan

Sample Location:		MW-16-01		MW-16-02		MW-16-03		MW-16-04		MW-16-06	
San	Sample Date:		5/17/2018		5/17/2018		5/17/2018		2018	5/17/2018	
Constituent	Unit	Data	PL	Data	PL	Data	PL	Data	PL	Data	PL
Appendix III											
Boron	ug/L	590	560	1,100	1,100		1,200	1,100	1,100		1,200
Calcium	ug/L		89,000	-	24,000	1	21,000	-	67,000	31,000	31,000
Chloride	mg/L		770	-	720	520	550	-	3,600		590
Sulfate	mg/L		43	-	10	-	10	-	50	44	31
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L		1,300		1,200	-	1,200	3,500	5,300		1,100

Notes:

ug/L - micrograms per liter.

mg/L - milligrams per liter.

All metals were analyzed as total unless otherwise specified.

-- = not analyzed

RESULT

Shading and bold font indicates a confirmed exceedance of the Prediction Limit (PL).

Charts

Chart 1
MW-16-01 Boron Time Series Plot
Range Road Landfill – RCRA CCR Monitoring Program

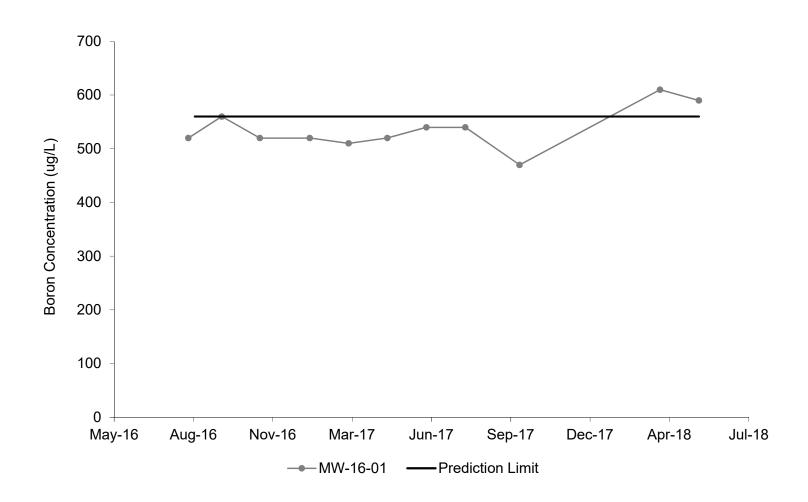
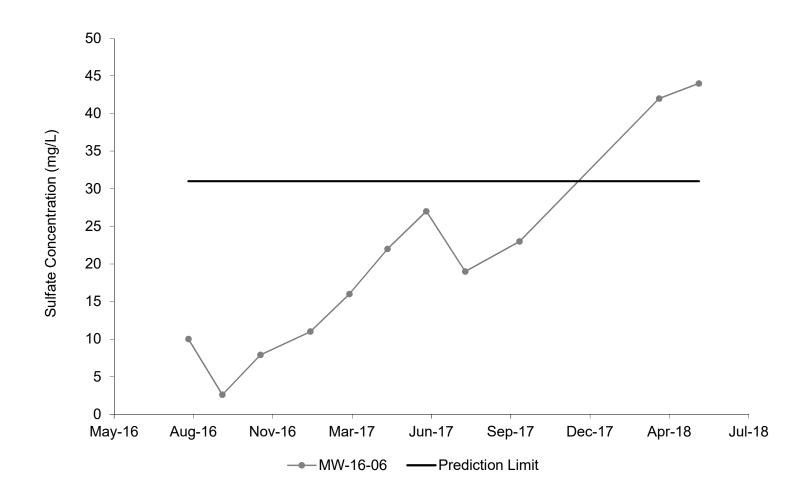
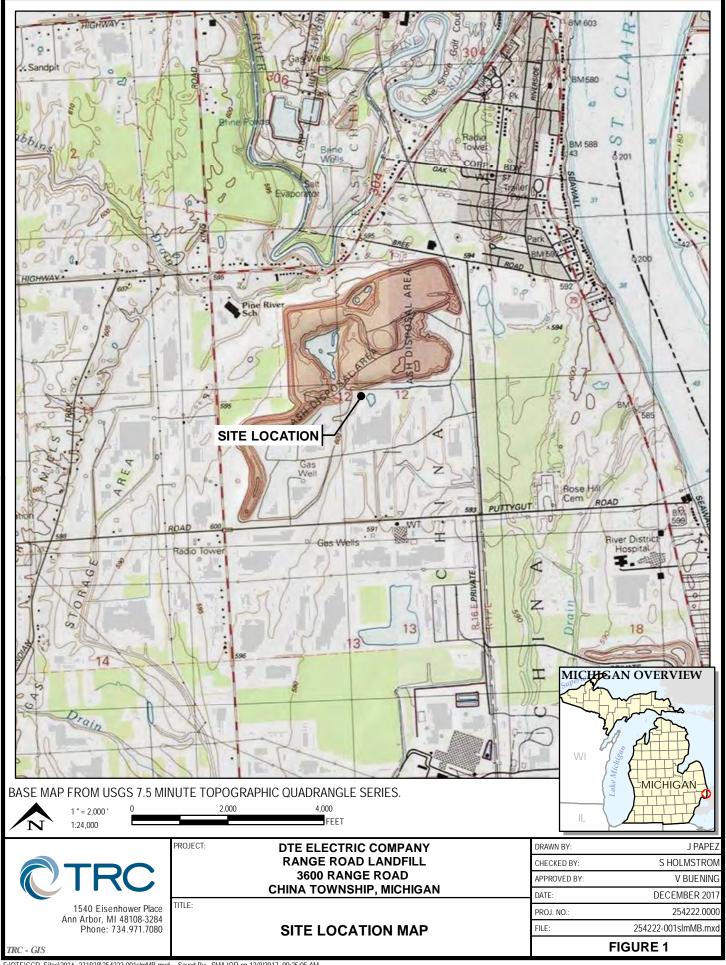
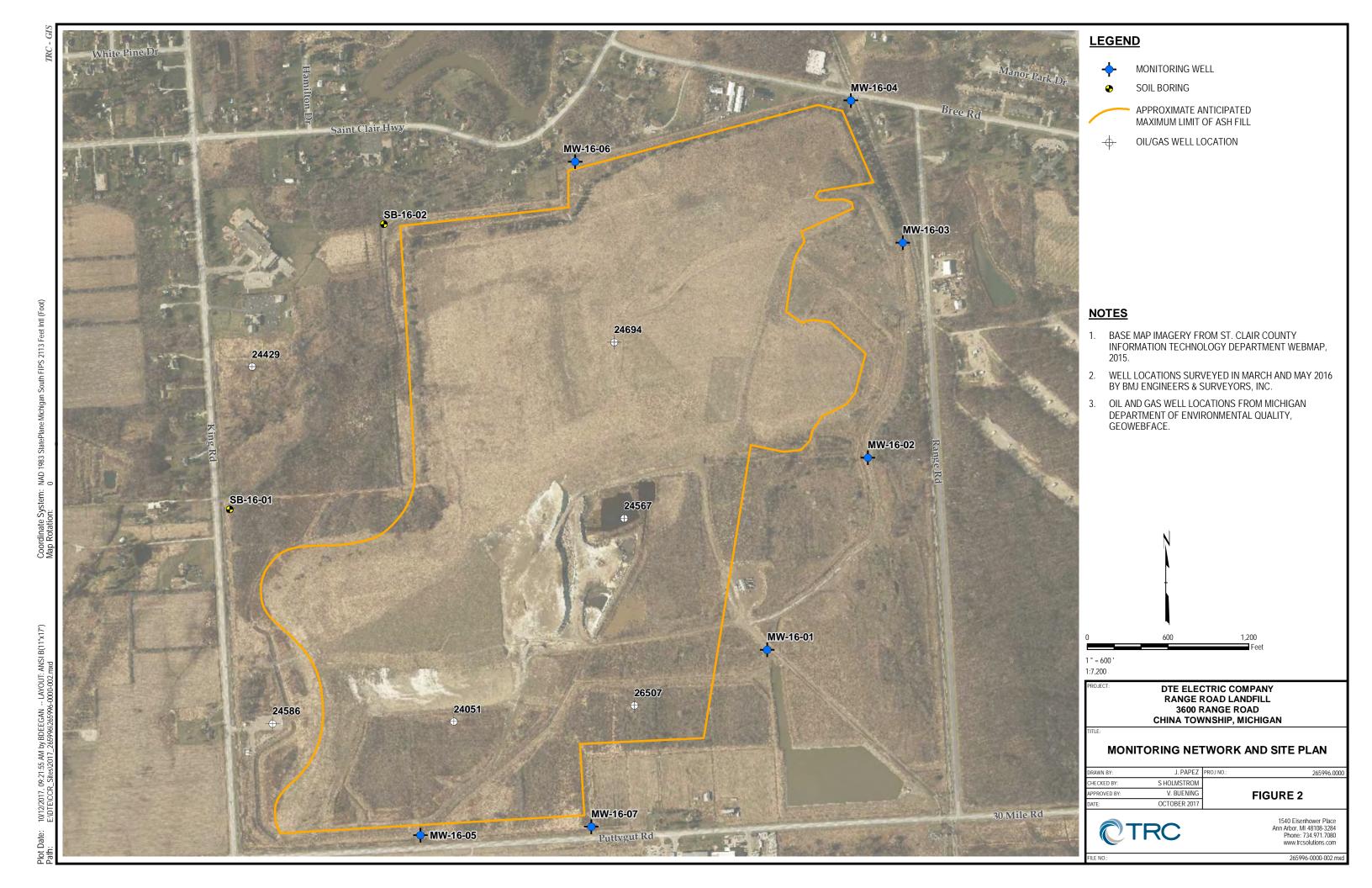


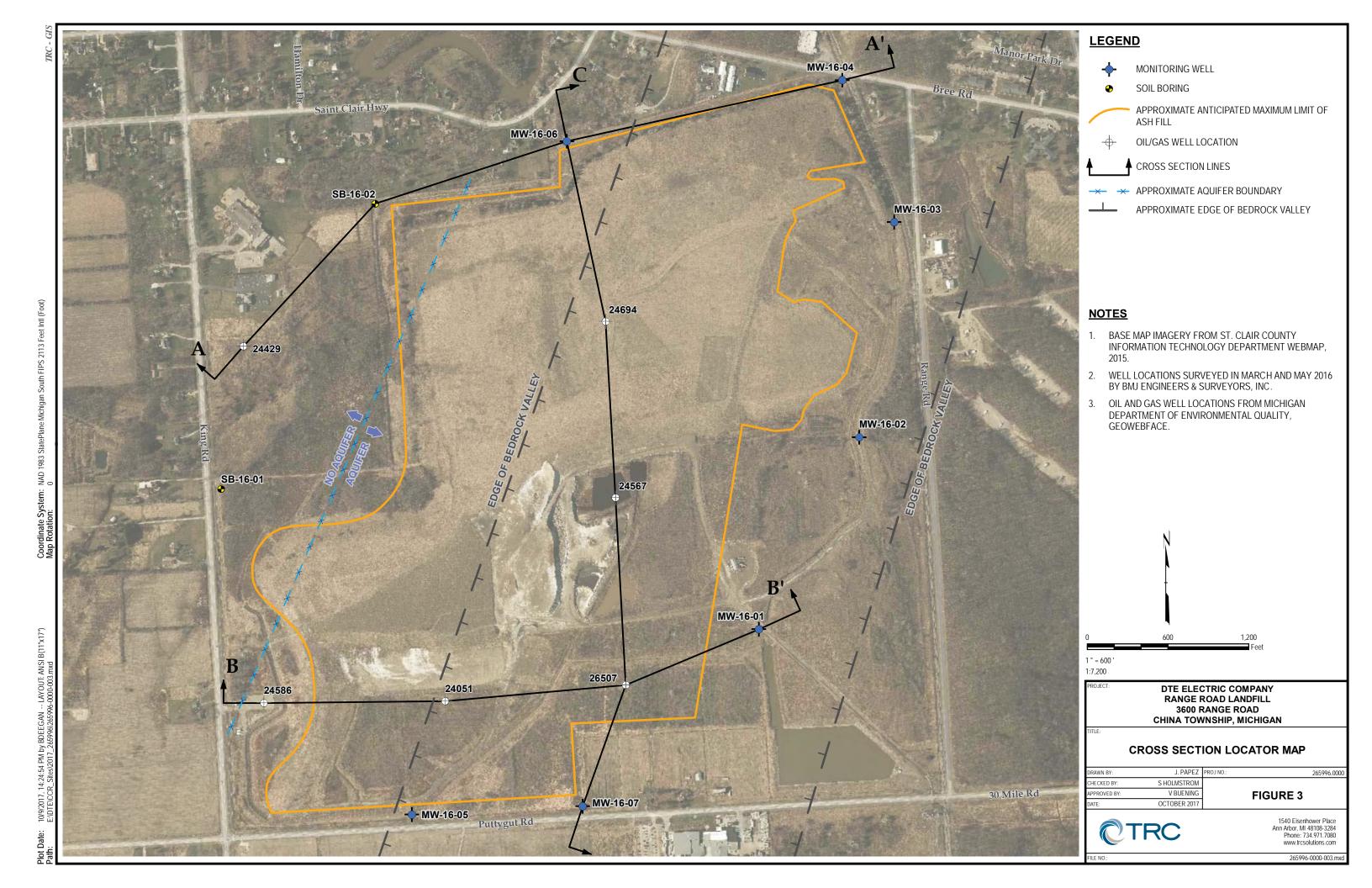
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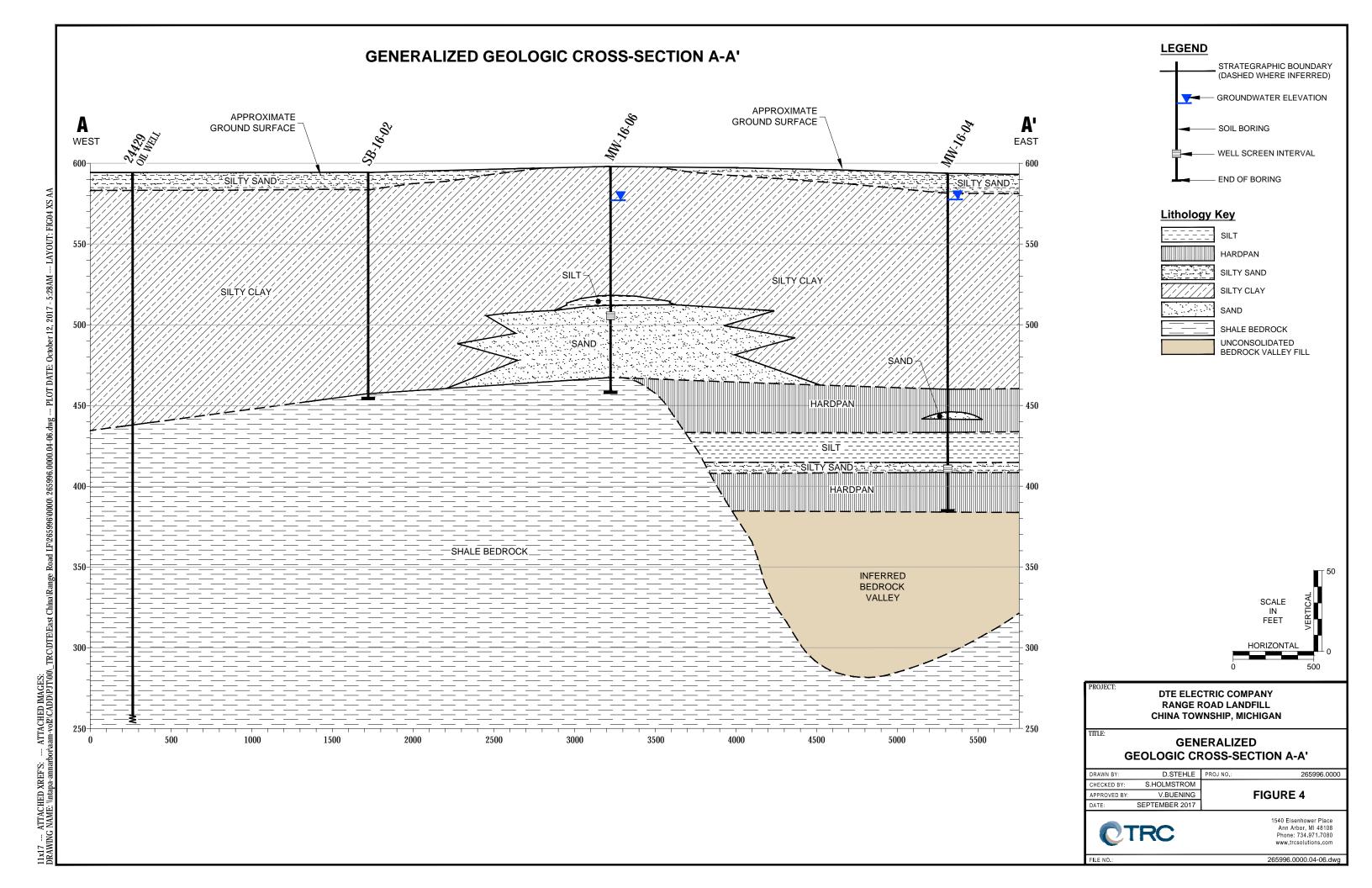


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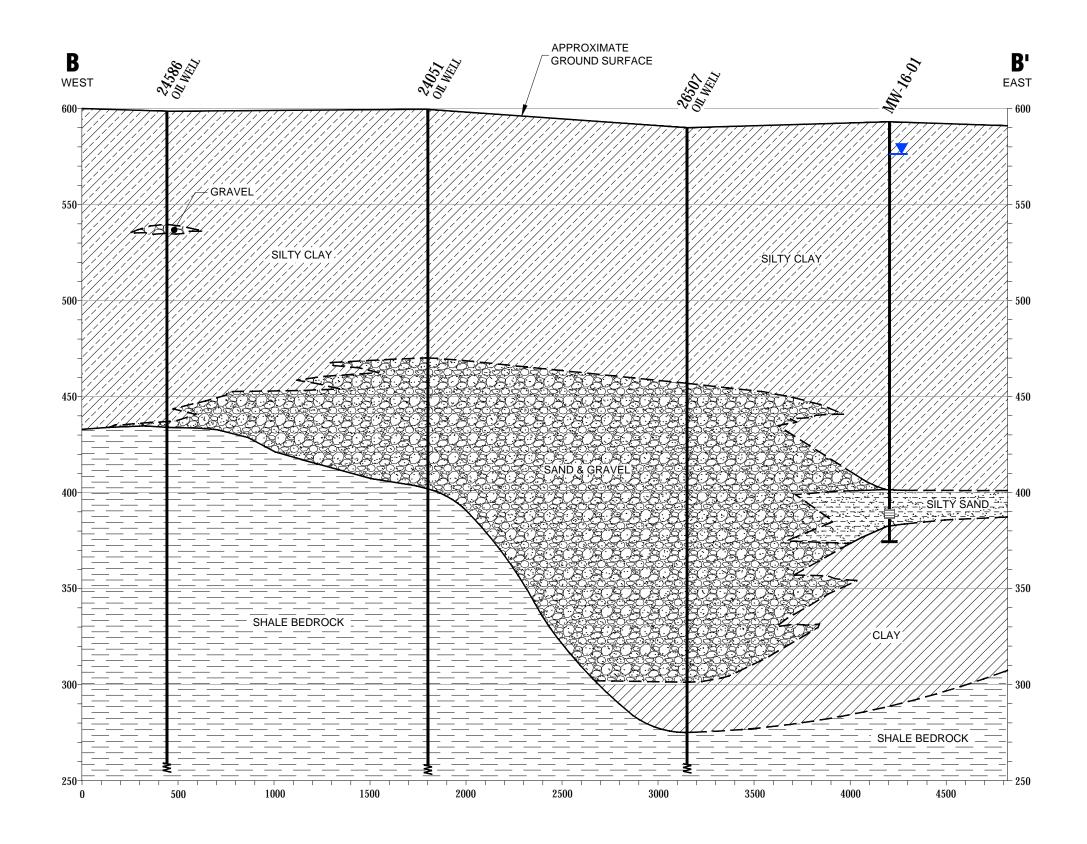


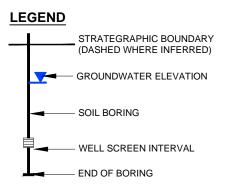




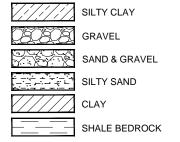


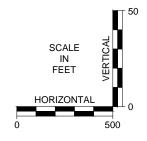
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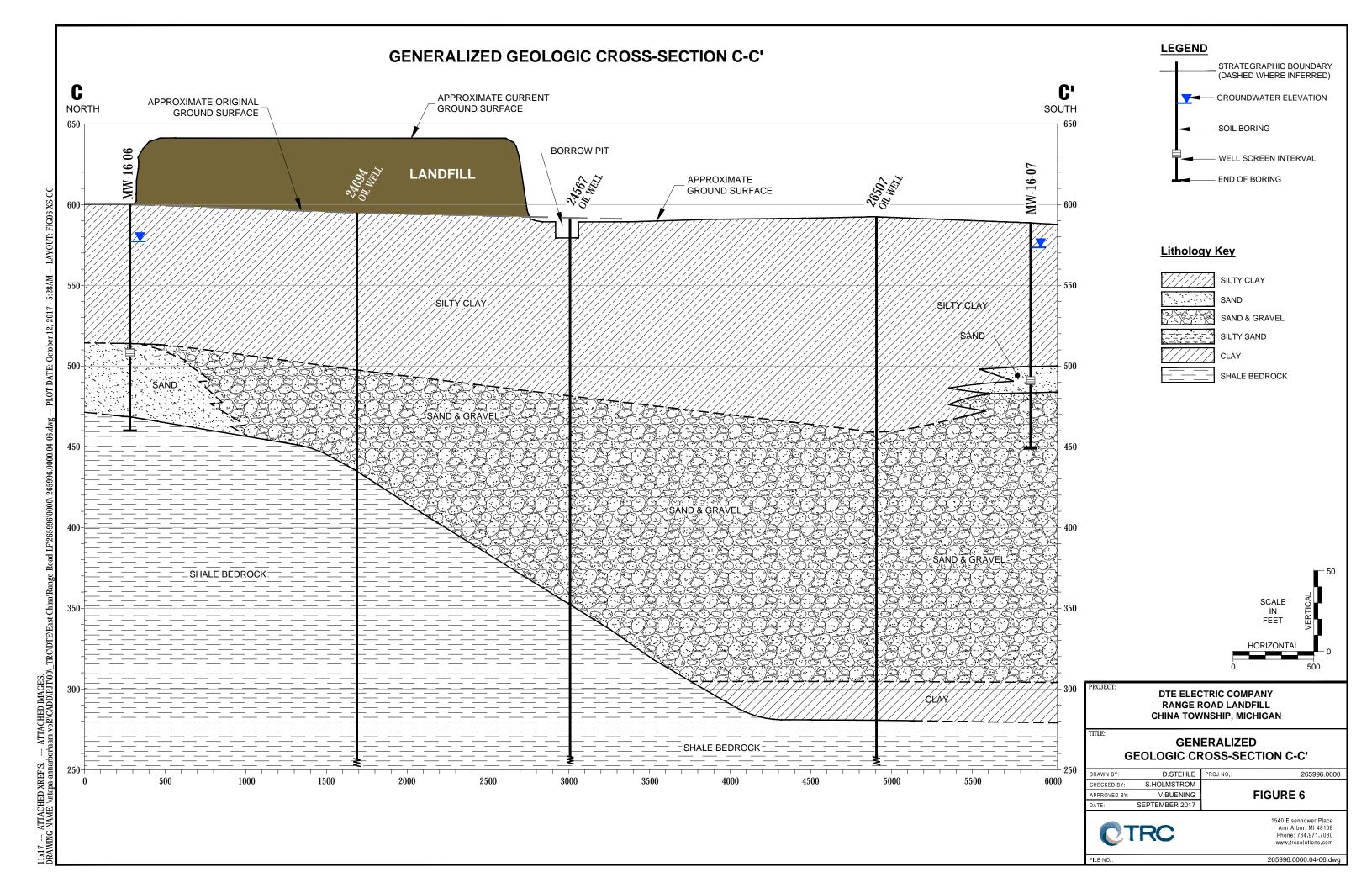
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Attachment A Data Quality Review

Laboratory Data Quality Review Groundwater Monitoring Event May 2018 (Verification Sampling) DTE Electric Company Range Road Landfill (DTE RRLF)

Groundwater samples were collected by TRC for the May 2018 sampling event. Samples were analyzed for anions (chloride, sulfate), total metals (boron, calcium), and total dissolved solids by Test America Laboratories, Inc. (Test America), located in Canton, Ohio. The laboratory analytical results are reported in laboratory report J95877-1.

During the May 2018 sampling event, a groundwater sample was collected from each of the following wells:

• MW-16-01

• MW-16-03

• MW-16-06

• MW-16-02

• MW-16-04

• MW-16-07

Each sample was analyzed for the one or more of the following constituents:

Analyte Group	Method
Anions (Chloride, Sulfate)	EPA 300.0
Total Metals	EPA 6020, EPA 6010B
Total Dissolved Solids	SM 2540C

TRC reviewed the laboratory data to assess data usability. The following sections summarize the data review procedure and the results of the review.

Data Quality Review Procedure

The analytical data were reviewed using the USEPA National Functional Guidelines for Inorganic Superfund Data Review (USEPA, 2017). The following items were included in the evaluation of the data:

- Sample receipt, as noted in the cover page or case narrative;
- Technical holding times for analyses;
- Data for method blanks and equipment blanks. Method blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from laboratory sample preparation and/or analytical procedures.
 Equipment blanks are used to assess potential contamination arising from field procedures;
- Percent recoveries for matrix spike (MS) and matrix spike duplicates (MSD). Percent recoveries are calculated for each analyte spiked and used to assess bias due to sample matrix effects;
- Reporting limits (RLs) compared to project-required RLs;

- Data for blind field duplicates. Field duplicate samples are used to assess variability introduced by the sampling and analytical processes;
- Data for laboratory control samples (LCSs). The LCSs are used to assess the accuracy of the analytical method using a clean matrix; and
- Overall usability of the data.

This data usability report addresses the following items:

- Usability of the data if quality control (QC) results suggest potential problems with all or some of the data;
- Actions regarding specific QC criteria exceedances.

Review Summary

The data quality objectives and laboratory completeness goals for the project were met, and the data are usable for their intended purpose. A summary of the data quality review, including non-conformances and issues identified in this evaluation are noted below.

- Appendix III constituents will be utilized for the purposes of a detection monitoring program.
- Data are usable for the purposes of the detection monitoring program.

QA/QC Sample Summary:

- Target analytes were not detected in the associated method blanks.
- Total dissolved solids was detected in the equipment blank EB-01 (15 mg/L). Sample results for total dissolved solids were >10x the equipment blank concentration; therefore, data usability was not affected.
- LCS recoveries were within laboratory control limits.
- MS/MSD analyses were performed on sample MW-16-07 for anions (chloride and sulfate) and sample MW-16-01 for boron. The sulfate percent recoveries in the MS/MSD associated with batch 329246 were above the upper laboratory control limits. The sulfate results for samples analyzed in the same batch may be biased high: MW-16-06 and Dup-02.
- Dup-01 corresponds to MW-16-04, Dup-02 corresponds to MW-16-06, and Dup-03 corresponds to MW-16-07. The relative percent difference (RPD) for the total dissolved concentration for the field duplicate pair Dup-01/MW-16-04 was >20%. Potential uncertainty exists for the total dissolved solids concentration due to field duplicate variability in these two samples.